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To Parents

IN THE FAMILY CIRCLE,

AND

TO TEACHERS

IN THE SCHOOL ROOM,

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THE YOUTH COMMITTED TO THEIR CARE,

THIS WORK

IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED

BY THEIR FELLOW-LABORER,

William Theodore Wylie.

PREFACE.

THIS book is offered especially to Parents and Teachers, as an earnest effort to aid those who feel the importance of using every available means to impress Bible truth on the minds of the young; and to train the rising generation in the practice of Christian life. The wants felt in an experience of ten years as a teacher, led to the plan and execution of the work.

Allow me briefly to call your attention to three things in regard to the book:—ITS OBJECT; ITS PLAN; and the MODE OF USING IT.

I.—THE OBJECT (*a*) is to secure individual attention and united expression throughout the entire service; (*b*) to suggest important *doctrines* and duties in such a manner as to arrest the attention and awaken the interest of the young; (*c*) to familiarize the minds of the youth with the teachings of divine truth on all the great questions of life, and with the richest and sweetest treasures of sacred song; (*d*) to aid in preparing the sons and daughters of our homes, and of our institutions of learning more fervently and effectively to join in the devotions of home and of the great congregation. In one word, its object is to aid in *educating* (both by instruction and by development,) each child and student, as an accountable religious being, in the performance of his highest duty, and the employment of his greatest happiness.

II.—THE PLAN. (*a*) In preparing the book, the first step was to form an outline of the great Doctrines and Duties of religion, as these regard God and man; giving prominence to such as especially claim the attention of youth, and tend to shape the course of life. (*b*) Selections of Scripture were then made, enforcing and illustrating the given topic by precept, narrative, &c. These selections were afterwards arranged with a view to make them suggestive of the various bearings of the subject as far as practicable. (*c*) After that, appropriate Psalms and Hymns were chosen, keeping constantly in view the combination of strength and beauty, so that the choicest spiritual and poetical productions of our language, in youth might be treasured up for counsel and comfort in after life. (*d*) The adaptation of music to the hymns was considered a most important and difficult matter: several leading composers were consulted, and the final arrangement and adaptation of the music to the words was placed in the hands of T. J. Cook, of New York, whose name is a guarantee for the judicious execution of the work. (See Musical Preface, by Mr. Cook. (*e*) In view of the fact that many parents and teachers might hesitate, unaided, to lead their families and pupils in prayer, each page of the lesson was placed in the hands of some earnest Christian educator, and after its perusal, a prayer was written by him, adapted especially to that particular lesson. We have thus more than 250 leading minds, of all evangelical churches in our land, participating in the service of prayer, thus securing a variety, freshness and adaptation which could be obtained in no other way.

III.—MODE OF USE. (*a*) The book is bound in two editions—one of which contains only the lessons. This should be in the hands of each member of the family or school.

PARENTS. (*b*) The Parent may select, or allow some member of the family to select, the lesson for the day. He will then announce the subject, which is printed in Italics at the head of the page—lead in singing the Psalm or Hymn chosen—read in turn the selections of Scripture, and then lead in prayer.

TEACHERS. (*c*) The Teacher in school may select, or call on some pupil to select, the lesson for the day—when he will distinctly state the *subject* (printed in Italics at the head of the page) which is the key to the lesson. All join in singing the Hymn chosen The

Teacher will then read the first verse, *one-half* the School read the second in *concert*, the other half read the third in like manner, and so around.

(*d*) The Teacher (all assuming the attitude of prayer) leads in prayer, using in whole or in part the form prepared, or directing the service in his own language. A Sabbath lesson might be assigned for the Lord's Day, and a portion of that memorized.

(*e*) While the book is not arranged by any formal division of days, months, or seasons, it furnishes material for five or ten months, accordingly as the lesson is used entire or divided for each service.

(Note.) *If Teachers prefer to shorten the service, one Hymn and one-half the Scripture selections may be used one day, and the other half the next*—thus giving double the number of lessons for the year.

It will be seen at a glance that the object of the book is to present Scripture truth, and lead to a life of purity and practical religion.

Those who examine the construction of the book will recognize a systematic form of religious truth. The repetition of important thoughts, Passages of Scripture, and Hymns, was often deemed very desirable. The idea of adaptation was kept constantly in view; and it may here be observed that full freedom was used, in selecting Psalms and Hymns, to omit such portions as were not suitable to the lesson on hand.

I am under great obligations to those friends of Christian education who have so kindly aided my undertaking by words of sympathy and cheerful contributions of copyright privileges, as well as by other service.

In selecting Psalms and Hymns I had access to a large number of collections published in this country and in England. Among these I cannot fail to mention, The Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book, Drs. Mason, Phelps and Park; The American Metrical Psalter, by Rt. Rev. G. Burgess, D. D., of Maine; Hymns, by Rev. Henry A. Boardman, D. D., The Plymouth Collection, by Henry Ward Beecher; and Songs of the Church, by Rev. Charles S. Robinson, of Brooklyn; and a small collection of Hymns, by Anna L. Waring, published by the Association of Friends. I am also under obligations to the publishers of the Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book, for their courtesy in giving consent to the use of the Hymns of that book, as well as of the music which they publish.

Many of the Hymns taken from books referred to above, being copy-righted, no one, I would observe, can use them without similar consent of authors or publishers.

To Dr. Lowell Mason I am under especial obligations, not only for counsel, but also for kindly permitting the use of a large number of his valuable church tunes in this work.

Sincere thanks are also due to Messrs. Perkins, Pelton, Kingsley, Root, Seward and Bradbury, and to F. J. Huntingdon, Publisher, for permission to use the tunes which they have severally furnished. All of Mr. Cook's tunes used in this work, except Radiance, Florence, and Herald, are now first published by his permission. He is the owner of them, and is to have the use of them in other publications.

The names of the authors of tunes will be found in an Index prepared especially to show by whom each tune has been furnished.

While I would refer to Mr. Cook's Musical Preface for remarks on the musical part of the work, I would earnestly commend to all interested in the improvement of the "service of song," a book called "Hymns and Choirs," chiefly prepared by the authors of the Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book. Pastors, choir leaders, singers, and all church members, will find it worthy of consideration.

The names of earnest Christian educators, who have aided in the completion of this Manual of Devotion, and to whom I am greatly indebted, will be found in full in an index. They are representatives of more than a dozen fruitful branches of the One Living Vine. Knowing this, we need not ask to what denomination each belongs. Are they not all one in Him.

With the earnest prayer that this work may aid Teachers, Parents and Youth, in the happy fulfilment of the great object of life, it is commended to Him who is the Author of every good purpose, and the Sustainer of every good work. W. T. W.

MUSICAL PREFACE.

In the preparation of the present work, it fell to my lot to select Tunes for the Psalms and Hymns contained in it. It was thought best, by both the author of the work and myself, that the number of tunes should be quite limited, and those of a congregational character be preferred. My object has been to select from the many tunes that have become popular, those of good, solid character, such as musicians, as well as the people like, and which all our children should learn and remember through life. I have avoided the lively Sunday School music, so popular at the present day, principally on account of its ephemeral character.

A few new tunes are given, the greater portion of them being original. Of these latter the number was extended, because I experienced some difficulty in finding music well suited to certain hymns, and thought it best to write, or get others to write, new music for them. Regarding my own compositions, I trust they will be indulgently received, and be deemed, in some slight degree, worthy the good company in which they are found.

T. J. COOK.

841 *Broadway, New York.*

LORD

Teach Us

TO PRAY.

After this manner therefore pray ye:

OUR Father which art in Heaven,

Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven.

GIVE us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever.

Amen.

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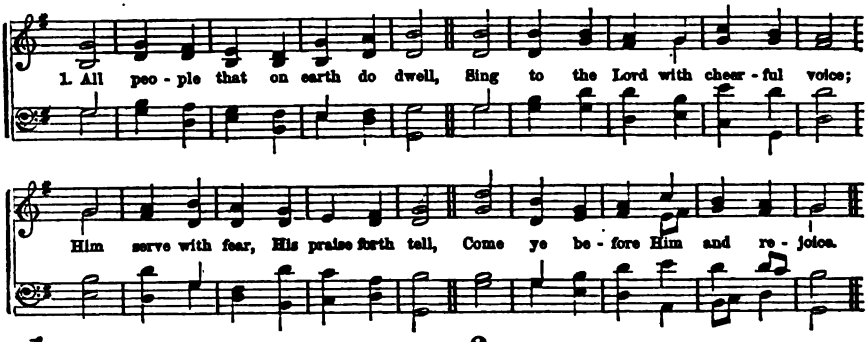

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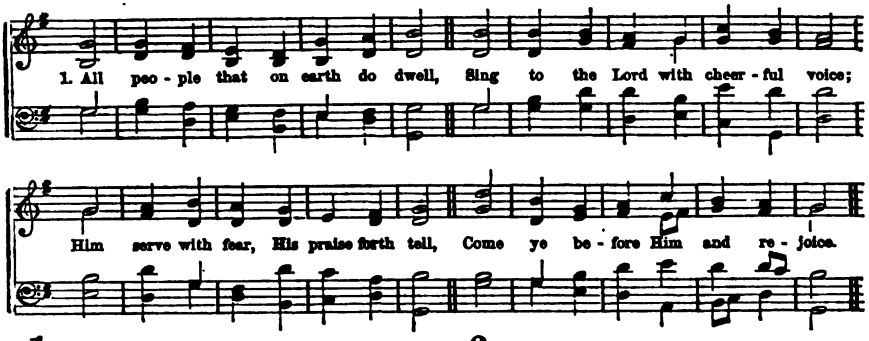

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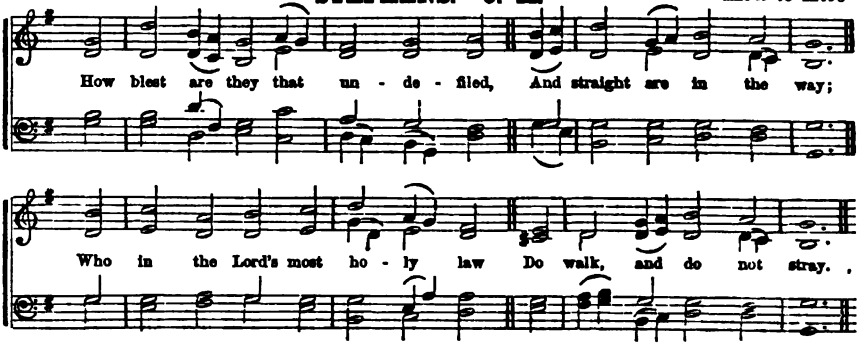

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HOW BLEST are they that undefil'd,
And straight are in the way;
Who in the Lord's most holy law
Do walk, and do not stray.

2 How blest are they who to observe
His statutes are inclin'd;
And who do seek the living God
With their whole heart and mind.

3 Such in His ways do walk, and they
Do no iniquity.
Thou hast commanded us to keep
Thy precepts carefully.

4 That I will keep Thy statutes all
Firmly resolv'd have I:
O do not then, most gracious God,
Forsake me utterly.

Scotch Version.

4

WHILE dead in trespasses I lie,
Thy quickening Spirit give:
Call me, Thou Son of God, that I
May hear Thy voice and live.

2 I know in Thee all fulness dwells,
And all for wretched man:
Fill every want my spirit feels,
And break off every chain.

3 If Thou impart Thyself to me,
No other good I need:
If Thou, the Son, shalt make me free,
I shall be free indeed.

4 I cannot rest till in Thy blood
I full redemption have:
But Thou, through whom I come to God,
Canst to the utmost save.

C. Wesley.

ALL thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.

3 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

4 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

5 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.

6 I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing.

7 I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and I will give them a heart of flesh.

8 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

9 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and uphold me with thy free Spirit: then will I teach transgressors thy way: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

10 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise, and dominion forever and ever.

11 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him.

12 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God: for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation.

13 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

14 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

15 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

16 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

17 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.

18 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Prayer.—Lesson II.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; mercifully spared to begin another day, teach us how to spend it. Thou hast said in Thy blessed Word, that if any one lack wisdom, let him come to Thee, who giveth liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. We feel the need of wisdom; for, though we know we ought to live to Thy praise, and sometimes feel it a delight to do so, yet we live in such a world of sin, and are ourselves so sinful, and sin is so deceitful, that we often fail in duty through misunderstanding and ignorance. Teach us then how to live.

Explain to us Thy Holy Scripture, that it may be to us in very truth a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Interpret to us Thy daily providences, that we may behold in them the indications of Thy blessed will. Teach us so to use the world as not to abuse it. Breathe into us, O Heavenly Spirit, righteous thoughts, pure desires, holy imaginations, Christly feelings, so that all the day long we may have fellowship with the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

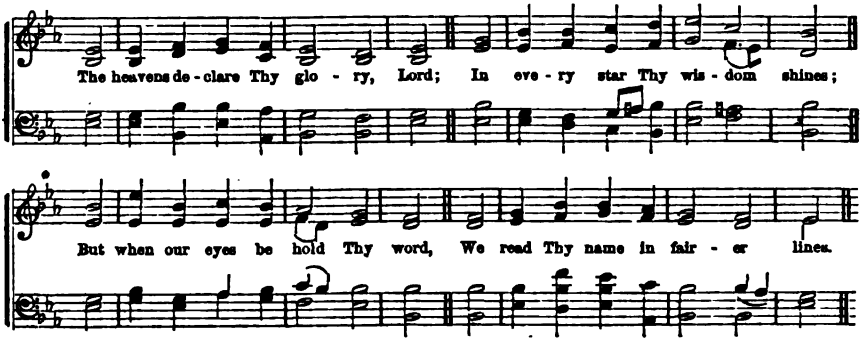
Father, show to each of us what Thou wouldst have us to do this day. We know that Thou commandest us to love Thee with all our hearts, and minds, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. We know that Thou requirest us to be faithful in that which is least, as well as in that which is greatest, restraining our tempers, curbing our tongues, shunning idleness, deceit and malice. Help us to perform these and all other duties; and, if Thou hast for each of us any particular duty to do, may it please Thee to show it us by Thy Spirit, and to give us grace to do it.

Nor do we pray for ourselves alone. We humbly implore these blessings on all our relatives and friends, on all our countrymen throughout our dear land, on all our fellow-creatures every where, so that, the whole world being taught by Thee how to live, Thy will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Heavenly Father, into Thy hands we now commit ourselves for to-day. While we live, may our living be to us, Christ, so that when we die, our dying shall be gain.

And to Him who laid down His life for us, that we might have eternal life with Him in heaven, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Geo. D. Boardman.



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THE heavens declare Thy glory, Lord;
In every star Thy wisdom shines;
But when our eyes behold Thy word,
We read Thy name in fairer lines.

2 The rolling sun, the changing light,
And night, and day, Thy power confess;
But the blest volume Thou hast writ,
Reveals Thy justice and Thy grace.

3 Sun, moon, and stars convey Thy praise
Round the whole earth and never stand;
So when Thy truth began its race,
It touched and glanced on every land.

4 Thy noblest wonders here we view
In souls renewed, and sins forgiven;
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,
And make Thy word my guide to heaven.

Watts.

6

I LOVE the sacred book of God
No other can its place supply;
It points me to the saints' abode:
It gives me wings, and bids me fly.

2 Sweet book! in thee my eyes discern
The image of my absent Lord:
From thy instructive page I learn
The joys His presence will afford.

3 When 'midst the throng celestial placed,
The bright Original I see,
From which thy sacred page was traced,
Blest Book! I've no more need of thee.

4 But while I'm here thou shalt supply
His place, and tell me of His love;
I'll read with faith's discerning eye,
And thus partake of joys above.

Kelly

BEHOLD one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?

2 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

3 If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

4 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

5 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?

6 For after that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God, by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe. So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

7 The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

8 A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

9 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.

10 Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

11 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do all the words of this law; for it is not a vain thing for you: because it is your life.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life.

13 Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

14 O LORD, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit; so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

15 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life.

16 Your hearts shall live that seek God.

17 For thus saith the LORD to the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live.

18 Whether we live, we live unto the Lord: and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

19 If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye, through the Spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Prayer.—Lesson III.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for thy most precious Word. We thank Thee that it is so perfect, and yet so plain. Thou hast given it to us to be a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Teach us how to use it. May we know its true meaning, and may our hearts be inclined to do all it requires.

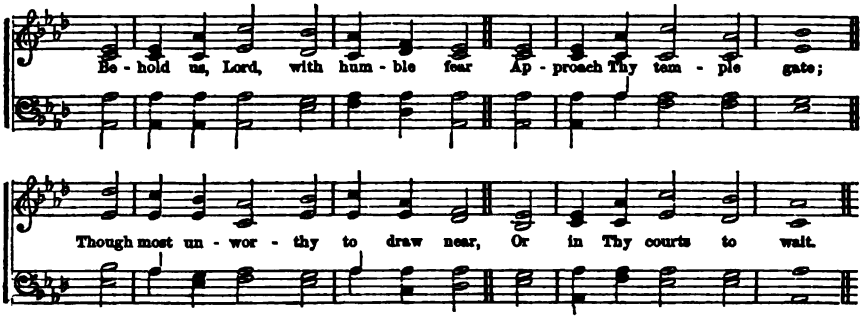
May we try ourselves by it, as our supreme and constant rule. Make us truly sorry that we have so often transgressed it. Forgive us, O Lord, and may we feel more and more our need of Thy heavenly grace, that we may learn how to live as we ought to live.

May we not be hearers of Thy Word only, but may we be doers of it also. Grant us true wisdom, that we may frame our lives according to Thy testimonies. In all things may we yield to Thy guidance, and may the Holy Spirit lead us into all truth. By the word of Thy lips may we be kept from the paths of the destroyer. Thus enable us to perform every duty, and to resist every temptation. May we thus find comfort in our sorrows, strength in our weakness, and hope in the hour of death. O may we not despise or reject Thy Word, lest we sin against our own souls, and perish in our sins. O make us wise unto salvation, by faith which is in Christ Jesus.

May He be our Teacher, and may we ever learn of Him who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest unto our souls. That which we know not teach Thou us, and whereas we have done iniquity, may we do so no more. When we are tempted to sin, bring Thy Word to our remembrance; and may we be enabled to do what is right before God, who sees us always, and knows what is in our hearts, as well as what we say or do.

O make Thy grace sufficient for us, and perfect Thy strength in our weakness, for without Thee we can do nothing. May we not look to, or depend upon, any thing else to guide us, instead of Thy Holy Word. May we keep thy commandments, and thus be admitted at last to Thy presence in heaven, to abide with Thee for evermore. O make us fit to be the company of the holy angels, and the redeemed from among men, who perfectly and always obey Thy law. We ask all this only for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Saviour, to whom with Thee, the Father, and with God the Holy Ghost, be glory and honor, dominion and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

T. W. J. Wylie.



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BEHOLD us, Lord, with humble fear
Approach Thy temple gate;
Though most unworthy to draw near,
Or in Thy courts to wait.

2 But, trusting in Thy boundless grace,
To all so freely given,
We worship in Thy holy place,
And lift our souls to heaven.

3 Lead us in all Thy righteous ways,
Nor let our footsteps slide:
Make straight Thy path before our face,
Our guardian, still, and guide.

4 No more to sin, Lord, let us yield,
Defended from above,
And kept, and covered with the shield
Of Thine almighty love.

Unknown.

8

FATHER of mercies, in Thy word
What endless glory shines!
Forever be Thy name adored
For these celestial lines.

2 Here my Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads heavenly peace around;
And life and everlasting joys
Attend the blissful sound.

3 Oh, may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light!

4 Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
Be Thou for ever near;
Teach me to love Thy sacred word,
And view my Saviour there.

Mrs. Steel.

HEAR ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel; hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you.

2 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

3 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

4 Take heed, therefore, how ye hear: for whomsoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

5 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear; unto you that hear shall more be given. But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride.

6 Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

7 And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 By the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

9 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

10 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

11 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

12 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

13 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.

14 From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.

15 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, ye might have life through his name.

16 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness, and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Prayer.—Lesson IV.

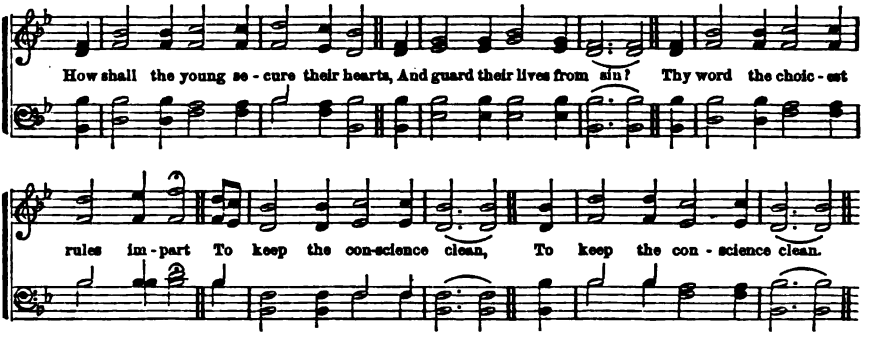
O LORD, our God, Thou art the source of all light and grace to the soul; to Thee we lift up the voice of our prayer. May we reverently and humbly approach unto Thy mercy-seat, and our hearts be filled with penitence for our sins, and faith in Jesus Christ the only Mediator. Make us duly sensible of our condition, and of our relations to Thee, our Creator. May we be deeply conscious of our sinfulness, and aware of our ignorance. We need instruction and direction from above; may we find it in Thy holy word, on which we would meditate day and night.

Our thanks we render to Thee, O God, for this most blessed volume of divine inspiration, which we are permitted to read and study for ourselves. Grant us in this study the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may understand and see wondrous things out of Thy law; and moreover, may mark and inwardly digest these truths of scripture to our spiritual and eternal good. May Thy word be daily more and more precious to us, and its entrance to our minds give light to our understandings, and joy to our souls. O, our Heavenly Father, wilt not Thou be the Guide of our youth, and our portion forever?

O Lord, may the Holy Scriptures make us wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Show us the evil of transgressing Thy law. Convince us of our great guilt, and open clearly to our view the remedy provided in the gospel. Conduct us by Thy counsel in the ways of piety and peace, and may our path through life become continually brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. Leave us not to follow the devices of our own hearts, or lean to our own understanding, but may we trust in Thee to incline us in the ways of wisdom and holiness to everlasting life.

Blessed God, wilt Thou not aid us, sensible of our sinful, undone, and helpless condition, to repair to the only fountain of cleansing, in the atoning blood of Christ the Saviour, and by Thy grace enable us to believe upon Him to the saving of our souls? Sanctify us by the truth, Thy word is truth. May our lives be consecrated to Thy service and glory; and when the end comes, whether soon or late, may we have a happy departure, and be admitted into everlasting blessedness; all which we humbly ask through the alone merits of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Charles C. Beatty.



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HOW shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy word the choicest rules imparts,
To keep the conscience clean.

2 'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light,
That guides us all the day;
And, through the dangers of the night,
A lamp to lead our way.

3 Thy precepts make me truly wise:
I hate the sinner's road;
I hate my own vain thoughts that rise,
But love Thy law, my God.

4 Thy word is everlasting truth;
How pure is every page!
Thy holy book shall guide our youth,
And still support our age.

Watts.

10

OH, how I love Thy holy law!
'Tis daily my delight;
And thence my meditations draw
Divine advice by night.

2 My waking eyes prevent the day
To meditate Thy word;
My soul with longing melts away
To hear Thy gospel, Lord.

3 How doth Thy word my heart engage!
How well employ my tongue!
And in my tiresome pilgrimage
Yields me a heavenly song.

4 When nature sinks, and spirits droop,
Thy promises of grace
Are pillars to support my hope,
And there I write Thy praise.

Watts.

MASTER, which is the great commandment in the law? Which is the first commandment of all?

2 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: This is the first commandment.

3 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

4 To love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

5 Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace good-will toward men.

6 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: of whom I am chief.

7 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

8 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

9 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

10 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another.

11 Fear God, and give glory to him; and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

12 Who shall not fear thee, O LORD, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy.

13 Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

14 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord; which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

15 And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst, come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

16 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer.—Lesson V.

O GOD, we thank Thee for Thy word and all its holy teachings. We adore and bless Thee that Thou hast given to us Thy law, and proclaimed to us Thy gospel. Thy commandment is exceeding broad, and Thy promises are very great and precious. "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honey comb."

But we have broken Thy law and transgressed thy commandments; we have abused Thy mercies and rejected Thy gospel. We have set our youthful affections more upon the pleasures of this vain world, than upon Thee, our heavenly Father, who art worthy of our highest love. Our young hearts are full of evil passions and desires, and we deserve not a place among Thy children.

Hear us, O Lord, as we humbly confess before Thee our manifold sins and iniquities, and enter Thou not into judgment with us, for the sake of Him who died for us. In the name of our great Redeemer and Mediator, who is exalted at Thy right hand,—a Prince and a Saviour to give repentance and remission of sins,—do we now dare to approach Thy throne and fervently implore the forgiveness of all our offences.

Pardon the sins of our youth,—our waywardness and folly,—our want of love to Thee and to each other,—our indolence and pride and carnal lusts; and create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us.

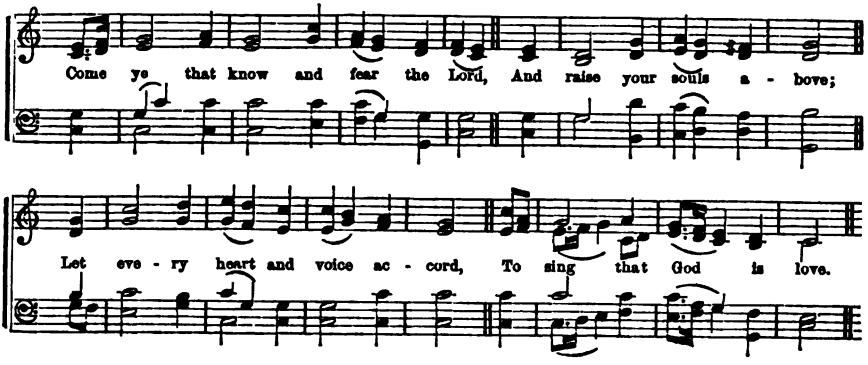
O Thou fountain and source of love! pour into our youthful souls of Thy fulness, that we may be able to love Thee supremely, and our neighbor as ourselves. Purify our affections, and exalt our desires, and sanctify our whole natures, that we may become, and ever remain, Thy dear children,—true disciples of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Make us, through Thy Holy Spirit, obedient, humble, kind and forgiving, even towards our enemies, if such we have; and let Thy love and fear reign supreme in our hearts.

Be pleased, O Lord, to assist and quicken us in the pursuit of knowledge; and may all we know and learn,—all we have and are,—all our powers and faculties of mind and body, be wholly and forever Thine.

In the dark hours of temptation that may come upon us in future years, we beseech Thee, Father, to shield and keep us, under the shadow of Thy wing, from the assaults of Satan and the alluring snares of a wicked world.

And grant, O God, at last, when our work here is done, that we may die the death of the righteous, and receive in heaven a crown of life that fadeth not away, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

T. T. Titus.



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2 This precious truth His word declares,
And all His mercies prove;
While Christ, th' atoning Lamb, appears,
To show that—God is love.

3 Behold, His loving-kindness waits
For those who from Him rove,
And calls for mercy reach their hearts,
To teach them—God is love.

4 The work begun is carried on,
By power from heaven above;
And every step, from first to last,
Proclaims that—God is love.

5 Oh! may we all, while here below,
This best of blessings prove;
Till warmer hearts, in brighter worlds,
Shall shout that—God is love.

Burder.

12

GREAT God, with wonder and with praise
On all Thy works I look;
But still Thy wisdom, power and grace,
Shine brightest in Thy book.

2 Here would I learn how Christ has died,
To save my soul from hell:
Not all the books on earth beside,
Such heavenly wonders tell.

3 Here are my choicest treasures hid,
Here my best comfort lies;
Here my desires are satisfied,
And here my hopes arise.

4 Then let me love my Bible more,
And take a fresh delight,
By day to read these wonders o'er,
And meditate by night.

Unknown.

THE invisible things of him from the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead.

2 Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

3 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

5 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.

6 And the LORD passed by before him and proclaimed, The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands.

7 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

8 As I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD;—whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

9 God, that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

10 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life and breath and all things.

11 Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the LORD.

12 God—hath in these last days spoken to us by his Son,—who being the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high.

13 Unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever. A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

14 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

15 The Heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

16 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul.

17 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my Strength and my Redeemer.

Prayer.—Lesson VI.

ALMIGHTY and most Holy Lord God, before whom angels veil their faces, and in whose sight the heavens are not clean, we come before Thee in solemn worship with the profoundest reverence, as we are dependant creatures, and with sincere penitence as we are sinners.

We adore Thee as the infinitely perfect One, and the source of any excellence possessed by Thy creatures. All things were made by Thee, and are sustained by Thy care. Wonderful are Thy works, manifesting alike Thy wisdom, Thy power and Thy goodness. All angelic beings, who more nearly behold Thy glory, constantly magnify Thy name, and bow in reverence before Thee. Much more may man pay Thee his homage, and bring to Thee the sacrifice of praise. We are among the least of those on whom Thou dost look with a Father's love, and guard and provide for with a Father's care. To Thee we bring our offerings of grateful praise, and would ever magnify Thy name.

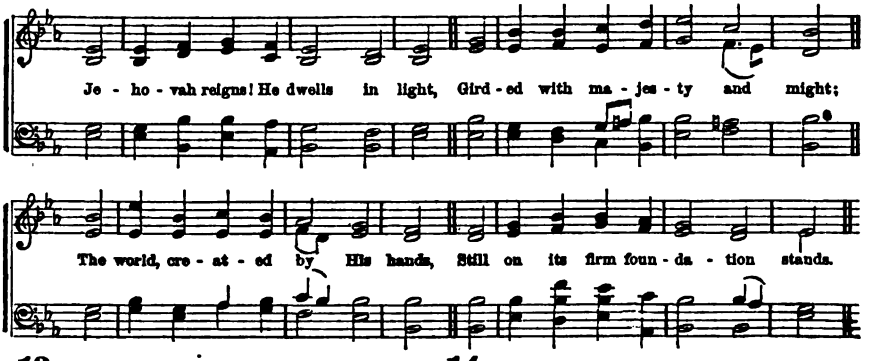
We thank Thee for our preservation through the watches of the night season, when under the power of the image of death, and unconscious of surrounding danger. We thank Thee for the degree of health we enjoy, for continued reason—for our privileges and our comforts.

We beseech Thee to continue to be our Keeper and Friend; watch over us in all our ways; guide us in the path of truth and uprightness; help us to resist every temptation to evil, and to honor Thee by a daily conformity to Thy holy will.

Teach us how to study Thy works and Thy word. The more we see of Thy works, the more may our minds be filled with the reverence, the holy fear and the filial love which become us. As we realize in some faint degree that Thou art a great God, and a great King above all gods, so may we walk humbly before Thee, and remember that we are poor sinful creatures. Grant us true penitence, and the forgiveness of our sins; for we come short in all things, and sin daily in thought, word and deed.

We ask these and all other favors through Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast given for our redemption, through whom Thou art accomplishing the greatest of all Thy works, the salvation of sinful men, and who has taught us to pray, "Our Father," &c.

Isaac Ferris.



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JEHOVAH reigns! He dwells in light,
Girded with majesty and might;
The world, created by His hands,
Still on its firm foundation stands.

2 But ere this spacious world was made,
Or had its first foundation laid,
Thy throne eternal ages stood.
Thyself the ever-living God.

3 Like floods the angry nations rise,
And aim their rage against the skies:
Vain floods, that aim their rage so high!
At Thy rebuke the billows die.

4 For ever shall Thy throne endure:
Thy promise stand forever sure;
And everlasting holiness
Becomes the dwelling of Thy grace.

Watts.

14

O LORD, Thou art my God and King;
Thee will I magnify and praise:
I will Thee bless, and gladly sing
Unto Thy holy name always.

2 Each day I rise I will Thee bless,
And praise Thy name time without end.
Much to be prais'd, and great is God;
His greatness none can comprehend.

3 Thy kingdom hath no end at all,
It doth through ages all remain.
The Lord upholdeth all that fall,
The cast-down raiseth up again.

4 The eyes of all things, Lord, attend,
And on Thee wait that here do live,
And Thou, in season due, dost send
Sufficient food them to relieve.

Scotch Version.

HEARKEN unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first; I also am the last.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth, and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

3 Grace be unto you and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come.

4 I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

5 He is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

6 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

7 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

8 O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

9 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

10 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

11 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogance come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

12 Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open on all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways.

13 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD.

14 Ah, LORD God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth, by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.

15 And Jesus said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

16 O, LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thy hand is there not power and might?

17 We give thee thanks, O Lord God, Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come: because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 Alleluia; for the LORD God omnipotent reigneth.

19 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer.—Lesson VII.

O LORD, Thou great and infinite Jehovah, we come to Thee; and we desire to come with our hearts deeply impressed with a sense of Thine adorable perfections. Though Thou art infinitely above our comprehension, we know that Thou *art*. All these majestic works proclaim Thy being as their Creator and Governor. We feel in the deep consciousness of our spirits our need of One such as Thou art. One whose immensity of being and whose infinite resources can alone meet and satisfy the longings of our souls.

We bless Thee, O our Father, that we have not been left to feel after Thee by the dim light of nature; but that Thou hast been pleased to give us in Thy word a clear revelation of Thyself.

Impress our hearts more deeply with a sense of Thy being, as the self-existent and independent I AM. And, O! as we contemplate these adorable perfections of Thy being, may our confidence in Thee grow stronger and stronger,—may our hearts cling to Thee as our all in all.

Help us, O our Father, we humbly pray Thee, to cherish in our hearts a lively sense of Thine omniscience.

We have reason to lament that we so often forget that every thought, purpose, feeling, and desire of our heart is known to Thee. Alas, that the many solemn declarations of Thy word, assuring us that Thine eye is continually upon us, should have so little influence upon our hearts! Forgive, we pray Thee, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our failures in this respect in times past, and grant us, O God, Thy Spirit, that we may think and speak and act, with a constant reference to the solemn truth declared in Thy word, that there is no creature that is not manifest in Thy sight.

O Thou infinite Fountain of knowledge, let the thought that "by Thee actions are weighed," awaken in our hearts a holy dread of engaging in any undertaking which is not in accordance with Thy will, and of being prompted by any motives which will not meet with Thine approval.

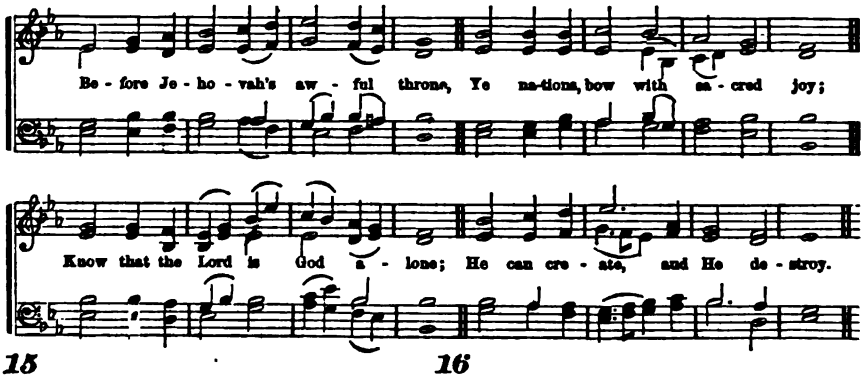
We adore Thee, O Thou most mighty. When we contemplate the traces of Thy power in the works of Thy hands and in the operations of Thy providence, it becomes us to stand in awe of Thee, assured that there is "nothing too hard for Thee," and that "Thou doest what seemeth good unto Thee in heaven, on earth, in hell, in the seas, and in all deep places."

We recognize, O Lord, the solemn fact, that as Thy mighty hand has made the material universe, and is directing and controlling it for the accomplishment of Thine own glorious purposes, so Thou turnest, as Thou wilt, the hearts of the children of men. O turn *our hearts* to Thyself. Mould them by the resistless energies of Thy Spirit, into subjection to Thy will. Dispose us always to live in a spirit of dependence upon Thy promised grace. Eradicate from our hearts all pride and self-confidence, and enable us by Thy power to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present evil world, that we may be prepared to contemplate Thy glory and enjoy Thy love in that world of everlasting blessedness to which Thou hast promised to bring Thy redeemed children.

These things we ask for the sake of Thy Son and our Saviour.

J. T. Cooper.

Attributes of God—Holiness, **DUKE STREET. L. M.** *Justice, Goodness, Truth.*



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2 His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and formed us men;
And when, like wandering sheep, we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again.

3 We are His people, we His care,
Our souls, and all our mortal frame:
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy name?

4 We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heaven our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

5 Wide as the world is Thy command,
Vast as eternity Thy love:
Firm as a rock Thy truth shall stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.

Watts.

16

THOU great and good, Thou just and wise,
Thou art my Father and my God;
And I am Thine, by sacred ties—
Thy son, Thy servant, bought with blood.

2 With heart and eyes, and lifted hands,
For Thee I long, to Thee I look;
As travellers, in thirsty lands,
Pant for the cooling water-brook.

3 With early feet I love t' appear
Among Thy saints, and seek Thy face;
Oft have I seen Thy glory there,
And felt the power of sovereign grace.

4 I'll lift my hands, I'll raise my voice,
While I have breath to pray or praise;
This work shall make my heart rejoice,
And cheer the remnant of my days.

Watts.

THOU art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

2 Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD, my God, mine Holy one? Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation: because it is written, Be ye holy: for I am holy.

5 And they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

6 Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness, neither shall evil dwell with thee.

7 He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment; a God of truth, and without iniquity, just and right is he.

8 To show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. Holiness becometh thy house, O LORD, forever.

9 He loveth righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

10 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

11 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

12 O, house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

13 We are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth, against them which commit such things.

14 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore will he teach sinners the way.

15 Let Israel hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

16 It is the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

17 To the LORD our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him.

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God.

19 The word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

20 His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

21 This, then, is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

Prayer.—Lesson VIII.

O LORD, our gracious God and Saviour, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee. Thy hands have made and fashioned us, and in Thee we live and move, and have our being. Thou hast upheld and preserved us continually, and though we have been unmindful of Thee, yet hast Thou never forgotten us, nor ceased to do us good.

We have sinned against heaven, and in Thy sight, and are no more worthy to be called Thy children. We have forfeited all claim to Thy favor, yet hast Thou set Thy love upon us, and by Thine own almighty arm, wrought out a great salvation for us. We praise Thee, and magnify Thy name, that for us sinners, and for our salvation, Thou didst condescend to come down from heaven, and wast made man, and didst dwell among us.

Thou, Lord, art holy, and just, and good, and all thy works are done in truth. As He which hath called us is holy, so may we be holy in all manner of conversation. We beseech Thee to give us humble, lowly, penitent, obedient hearts. Give us a deeper sense of Thy mercy, and greater gratitude for all Thy goodness to us. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Enable us to act always upon the conviction that one thing is needful, and to choose that good part which shall never be taken from us. Destroy the carnal enmity of our hearts, and bind us to Thyself with cords of love. Renew and cleanse our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit. Give us the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father.

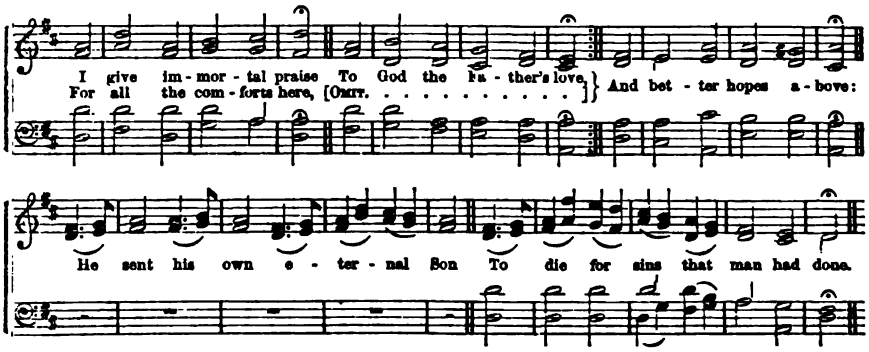
Enable us to serve Thee with our whole heart. May each of us ever remember, "Thou, God, seest me;" and may we do whatever Thy hand appoints for us to do, in Thy name and to Thy glory. Give us strength and presence of mind to resist sudden temptation. Help us to walk uprightly and consistently as the followers of Jesus, that we may thus commend the Saviour to all with whom we have to do. Order all our footsteps according to Thy word, and bless our going out and our coming in.

Bless all who are near and dear to us. Bless our pastors and teachers; yea, all who take an interest in our welfare, and try to do us good.

Bless our country, and our President; guide and direct all who are in places of public trust and responsibility; give peace and salvation to our land, and to all that dwell therein.

Bless Thy church universal. Send forth faithful laborers into Thy harvest. May the kingdoms of this world soon become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and the knowledge of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Hear these our prayers; forgive us our sins; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all. Amen.

F. R. Holland.



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I GIVE immortal praise
To God the Father's love,
For all my comforts here,
And better hopes above:
He sent His own eternal Son
To die for sins that man had done.

2 To God the Son belongs
Immortal glory, too;
Who bought us with His blood
From everlasting woe.
And now He lives, and now He reigns,
And sees the fruit of all His pains.

3 To God the Spirit's name
Immortal worship give,
Whose new-creating power
Makes dying sinners live:
His work completes the great design,
And fills the soul with joy divine.

4 Almighty God, to Thee
Be endless honors done;
The undivided Three,
And the mysterious One:
Where reason fails, with all her powers,
There faith prevails, and love adores.

Watts.

HEAR, O Israel: the LORD our God is One LORD.

2 There is none other God but one; for though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, as there be gods many, and lords many, but to us there is but one God, The Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ.

3 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name One.

4 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

5 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

6 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no Saviour.

7 Thus saith the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last: and beside me there is no God.

8 The scribes said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth; for there is one God: and there is none other but he.

9 Look unto me, and be ye saved all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else.

10 There are three that bear record in heaven, The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

11 No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

12 Satan hath filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost: thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

13 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them, even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

14 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him.

15 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

16 For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

17 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

18 I and my Father are one. The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

19 Jesus saith unto them, He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father.

20 So they being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia.

21 Know ye not, that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

22 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Prayer.—Lesson IX.

O LORD, Thou art great and glorious, the uncreated and eternal God, who art without beginning of days, and whose years shall have no end. Thou hast made all things. The heavens declare Thy glory, and the earth is full of Thy praise.

We are Thine, for Thou hast made us; Thine, for Thou hast preserved us; and though we have sinned against Thee, Thou hast given Thy dear Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die in our room and stead, that we might be saved. We confess that our sins are innumerable, and our guilt is as a heavy burden; but blessed be Thy holy name, Thou hast taught us, that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin.

We would rejoice and trust in Jesus as an Almighty Saviour, who hath borne our iniquities, and who is ever able and willing to save.

We praise Thee, our Father, for that Thine eternal Son, who became man, having taken our nature upon Him, that He might obey for us Thy law, which we had broken, and die to save us from everlasting wo, hath overcome Satan, and death, and hell, and the grave, and is now exalted at Thy right hand in the glory of the heavens, where He reigneth as our gracious, merciful Lord.

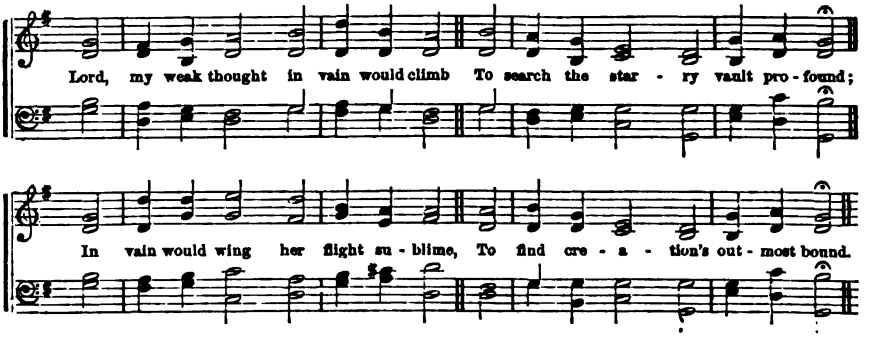
We adore Thee also for the gift of Thy most Holy Spirit, to enlighten our minds, to purify our hearts, to fill our souls with the hatred of sin, and to enable us to serve and love Thee as it is our duty to do. May He teach us, and dwell in our hearts, keeping us from all evil, and inclining us to that which is good. Make us willing and able to love Thee more and more, to hate every thing that Thy pure law doth condemn, and to do those things which Thou dost command.

Keep us from all sin, from wicked thoughts, and evil words and deeds; and enable us to love Thy holy law, so that as Thy children we may do the will of our Father in heaven.

Forgive all our offences, watch over us; and keep us in safety this day, and all the days of our lives, and finally receive us into Thine eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wm. Blackwood.

The Plans of God, His own— **ROCKINGHAM. L. M.** *Eternal, Unchangeable.*



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LORD, my weak thought in vain would climb
To search the starry vault profound;
In vain would wing her flight sublime,
To find creation's outmost bound.

2 But weaker yet that thought must prove
To search Thy great eternal plan,—
Thy sovereign counsels, born of love
Long ages ere the world began.

3 When my dim reason would demand
Why that, or this, Thou dost ordain,
By some vast deep I seem to stand,
Whose secrets I must ask in vain.

4 When doubts disturb my troubled breast,
And all is dark as night to me,
Here, as on solid rock, I rest,
That so it seemeth good to Thee.

5 Be this my joy, that evermore
Thou rulest all things at Thy will:
Thy sovereign wisdom I adore,
And calmly, sweetly, trust Thee still.

Palmer.

20

WAIT, O my soul, thy Maker's will!
Tumultuous passions all be still;
Nor let a murmuring thought arise:
His ways are just, His counsels wise.

2 He in the thickest darkness dwells,
Performs His work, the cause conceals;
And, though His footsteps are unknown,
Judgment and truth support His throne.

3 In heaven, and earth, and air, and seas,
He executes His firm decrees;
And by His saints it stands confessed,
That what He does is ever best.

4 Wait, then, my soul, submissive wait,
With reverence bow before His seat;
And, 'mid the terrors of His rod,
Trust in a wise and gracious God.

Beddome.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures, here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

I WILL declare the decree, the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son.

2 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 The LORD hath made all things for himself. Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

4 God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

5 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

6 We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

7 He hath mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

8 In whom, also, we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.

9 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

10 Of a truth, against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

11 It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

12 Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

13 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

14 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

15 Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Prayer.—Lesson X.

O THOU High and Lofty One, that inhabitest eternity, we beseech Thee to grant us true humility of heart, as we contemplate the perfections of Thy works and of Thy character.

Thy judgments, O Lord, are a great deep. Thou hast made the earth by Thy power. Thou hast established the world by Thy wisdom. Thou hast stretched out the heaven by Thine understanding. We would bow down in adoration before Thee, O God, whose hand none can stay, and who doest according to Thy will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth.

We beseech Thee, most holy and most merciful Father, that Thou wilt give us simple and childlike faith, when Thou dost, in Thy wisdom, withhold from us knowledge. Deliver us from the sin of questioning Thy counsels, or of presumptuously demanding to know all Thy purposes. May it be enough for us to know that Thou hast given us the assurance of Thy love in Jesus Christ. May our daily strength be in the quietness and confidence of faith, that He who spared not his own Son will, with Him, freely give us all things.

We do entreat Thee, O God, that Thou wilt grant unto us that only true enlightenment of mind which comes from knowing Thee, and Him who manifests Thee, and is the only way to Thee. Make us diligent in seeking Thee. Make us wise in finding Thee. And vouchsafe to our infirmities Thy Holy Spirit's gracious help, that we may be persevering in the work of pleasing Thee.

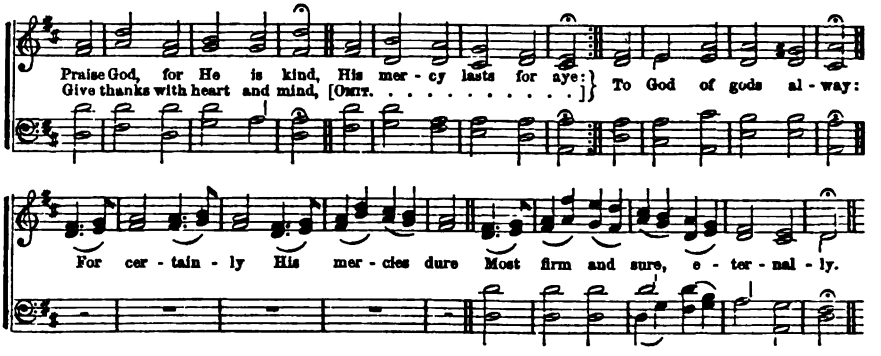
Thou hast said in Thy word, O Lord, that Thou wilt be gracious to whom Thou wilt be gracious, and that Thou wilt show mercy on whom Thou wilt show mercy. We plead with Thee, O God, through Thy Son, that Thou wilt be gracious unto us, sinners. We implore Thee that Thou wilt be merciful unto us, sinners. O grant us so perfect a trust in Thee, and in Thy love, as manifested in Jesus, our Saviour, that if doubts assail, they shall not be able to disturb it. Give us to see, in the cross of Christ, the solution of all mysteries. If Thou dost permit us to be burdened with perplexities of mind, as we survey Thy works, or the unfoldings of Thy providence, we pray that even those perplexities may have a voice to win us to Him who alone can relieve the weary and the heavy-laden.

O gracious Father, make our hearts wise and watchful, that vain or rebellious thoughts may not carry us away from Thee; pure, that no unworthy affections may shut out from them Thy presence; upright, that no perverse impulses may destroy their repose in Thee; and strong, that they may not faint under any of the tribulations that Thou dost send for our reproof and correction.

O Thou ever-living God, we implore Thee that Thou wilt come and live in our hearts, and give us light, that in Thy light we may see light. To all the counsels of Thy will, dimly or clearly revealed in nature, or in providence, or in redemption, make us obedient without reply. In all the trials and sorrows through which Thou dost lead us, as a gracious discipline wilt Thou make us patient, without murmur. May we be humble, without hypocrisy; and fearful, without distrust; and confident, without presumption.

O, deign graciously to hear us, and to answer these, our humble requests, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

George C. Noyes.



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PRAISE God, for He is kind,
His mercy lasts for aye;
Give thanks with heart and mind
To God of gods alway;
For certainly | Most firm and sure,
His mercies 'dure | Eternally.

2 To Him who did outstretch
This earth so great and wide,
Above the waters' reach
Making it to abide:
For certainly | Most firm and sure,
His mercies 'dure | Eternally.

3 Great lights He made to be,
For His grace lasteth aye:
Such as the sun we see,
To rule the lightsome day:
For certainly | Most firm and sure,
His mercies 'dure | Eternally.

4 Also the moon so clear,
Which shineth in our sight;
The stars that do appear,
To guide the darksome night:
For certainly | Most firm and sure,
His mercies 'dure | Eternally.

Scotch Version.

I AM God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

3 In the beginning was the word,—all things were made by him: and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers, all things were created by him, and for him.

5 I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace and create evil.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

8 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is.

9 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

10 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens, God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain; he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD, and there is none else.

11 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing, that creepeth upon the earth.

12 So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them.

13 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

14 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power, and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

15 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the ground, and every fowl of the air, and brought them unto Adam, to see what he would call them.

16 And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold it was very good.

17 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all.

18 What is man?—thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hand: thou hast put all things under his feet.

19 By the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth;—but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire, against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

20 Nevertheless, we, according to his promise, look for new heavens, and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Prayer.—Lesson XI.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Thou, even Thou, art Lord alone: Thou hast made heaven; the heaven of heavens with all their host; the earth, and all things that are therein; the seas, and all that is therein; and Thou preservest them all: and the host of heaven worshippeth Thee. Blessed be Thy glorious name forever and ever.

O Thou giver of every good and perfect gift, Thou daily loadest us with benefits. Teach us by Thy Spirit to think often of Thy goodness. Thou givest us our daily food, our raiment, our houses, and Thou, in Thy kind providence, sparest to us our parents and our friends. Ever since we were born Thou hast watched over us by day, sending Thine angel to encamp round about us by night, shielding us from dangers, seen and unseen. Thou gavest us birth in a Christian land, a land of Bibles and churches, and abounding in Christian privileges, thus surrounding us with holy influences.

Thou, in Thy sovereign goodness, hast crowned us with blessings, of which others are deprived. While many are blind, we enjoy our sight: while many are deaf and dumb, we can hear and speak: while many have lost their reason, we still enjoy this priceless treasure: while many are shut up in asylums, hospitals, or prisons, we are permitted to go forth to the daily duties and pleasures of life. For all these, and all other blessings, undeserved on our part, freely given on Thine, fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with grateful love.

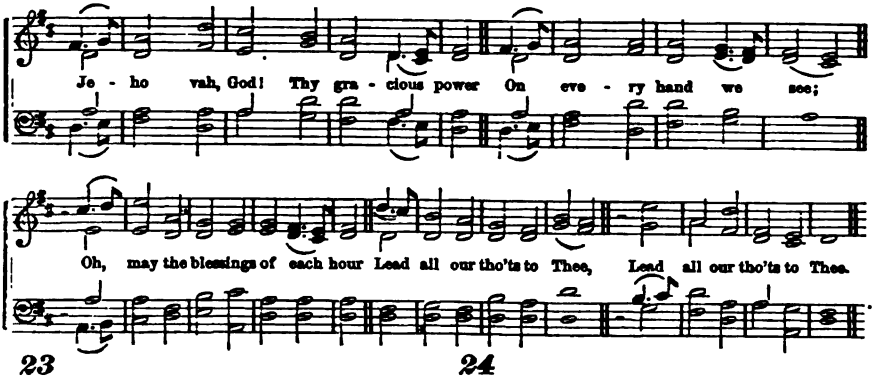
O Thou who art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look upon iniquity, we are poor miserable sinners. Our iniquities are increased over our heads, and our trespass is grown up into the heavens. We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. We have sinned by day and by night; at home and abroad; in feeling, thought, word, and act, and we richly deserve Thy wrath and curse, both in this life and that which is to come. But Thou, Lord, art very pitiful, and of tender mercy. Thou lovest to pardon. Thou didst so love the world as to give Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Now, O Lord, send down Thy Holy Spirit to apply to our hearts the redemption purchased by Christ. Help us to believe in Thy dear Son, to repent of our sins; make us firm in good purposes, and fill us with bright hopes of heaven.

Help us to be diligent in our studies, and in all duties, faithful to parents and teachers. Keep us from all cruelty to any of Thy creatures, and from exerting any evil influence on our companions.

Appoint to us some good service in Thy cause in our day and generation, and then at last welcome us with an abundant entrance to Thine everlasting home, saying to us, "Well done, good and faithful servants: enter ye into the joy of your Lord." And all we ask is in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

W. P. Breed.



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JEHOVAH, God! Thy gracious power
On every hand we see;
Oh, may the blessings of each hour
Lead all our thoughts to Thee!

2 If, on the wings of morn, we speed
To earth's remotest bound,
Thy hands will there our footsteps lead,
Thy love our path surround.

3 Thy power is in the ocean deeps,
And reaches to the skies;
Thine eye of mercy never sleeps,
Thy goodness never dies.

4 From morn till noon—till latest eve,
Thy hand, O God, we see;
And all the blessings we receive,
Proceed alone from Thee.

Thomson.

24

THE earth Thou wat'rest plenteously,
Her furrows settlest:
With show'rs Thou dost her mollify,
Her spring by Thee is blest.

2 So Thou the year most lib'rally
Dost with Thy goodness crown;
And all Thy paths abundantly
On us drop fatness down.

3 They drop upon the pastures wide,
That do in deserts lie;
The little hills on every side
Rejoice right pleasantly.

4 With flocks the pastures clothed be,
The vales with corn are clad;
And now they shout and sing to Thee,
For Thou hast made them glad.

Scotch Version.

THOU, even thou art LORD alone, thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all.

2 The eyes of all wait upon thee: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

3 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

4 Fear thou not; for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee.

5 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

6 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom.

7 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven, and in the earth is thine.

8 A man's heart deviseth his way, but the LORD directeth his steps. The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.

9 We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them, who are the called according to his purpose.

10 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid; for he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

11 If two of you shall agree on earth, as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

12 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

13 Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

14 Woe unto the wicked: it shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

15 Thou, Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever.

16 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day.

17 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the LORD.

Prayer.—Lesson XII.

ALMIGHTY GOD! we adore Thee, as the Maker of heaven and earth, and all that is therein, and desire at this time, especially, to render unto Thee devout homage as our Creator, Preserver, and most merciful Benefactor, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We praise and magnify Thee as the Author of life, and the never-failing Source of all our blessings, who hast continual regard unto the work of Thy hands, and dost ever extend Thy kind and watchful providence over all Thy dependent creatures.

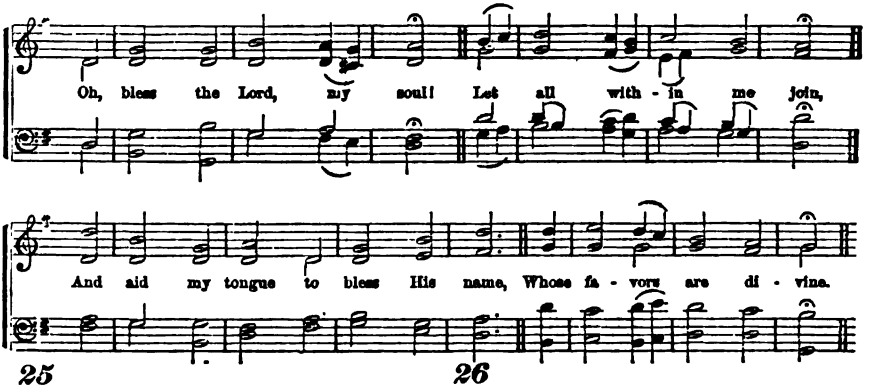
We know, O Lord, and confess with shame, that we have not, in times past, regarded, feared, and trusted in Thee as we should have done. Of the Rock that begat us we have been unmindful, and we have forgotten the God that formed us. We have been unthankful for Thy mercies, and have murmured at Thy rod. The God in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, we have not glorified. But we humbly and penitently acknowledge our sins, and beseech Thee, O most merciful Father, to forgive all our iniquities whereby we have offended Thee, for the sake of Him whom Thou didst send into the world to take away sin. In Him may we be reconciled unto Thee, and be made henceforth to love and serve Thee in newness of life.

Vouchsafe unto us also, O Lord, all needful grace, so to yield ourselves to Thy good and holy will, that we may receive and enjoy with true gratitude such mercies as Thou mayest be pleased to bestow, and bow with childlike resignation to all the chastisements Thou mayest send upon us, so that all things may work together for our good.

So order and advance the dispensations of Thy providence among the sons of men, that the church of Thy dear Son, whom Thou hast appointed to be heir of all things, may be speedily spread over the entire earth, and that He, whose right it is to reign, may be every where acknowledged the King of nations as He is the King of saints.

And when Thou hast served Thy righteous and merciful purposes with us here, grant, O Lord, that we may be numbered among those whom Thou wilt gather from among all kindreds, and people, to praise and glorify Thee forever in Thy heavenly kingdom, through riches of grace in Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

J. H. A. Bomberger.



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OH, bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join,
And aid my tongue to bless His name,
Whose favors are divine.

2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die.

3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses,
And makes thee young again.

4 He crowns thy life with love,
When ransomed from the grave;
He who redeemed my soul from hell,
Hath sovereign power to save.

Watts.

26

TO God, the only wise,
Our Saviour and our King;
Let all the saints below the skies
Their humble praises bring.

2 'Tis His almighty love,
His counsel and His care,
Preserves us safe from sin and death,
And every hurtful snare.

3 He will present our souls,
Unblemished and complete,
Before the glory of His face,
With joys divinely great.

4 Then all the chosen seed
Shall meet around the throne,
Shall bless the conduct of His grace
And make His wonders known.

Watts.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings, in heavenly places in Christ.

2 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before him in love.

3 Having predestinated us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

4 We are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

5 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world. Thine they were, and thou gavest them me.

6 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord, and as many as were ordained to eternal life, believed.

7 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.

8 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him.

9 Then said I, Lo, I come, (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

10 I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

11 Moreover, I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and I will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

12 He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

13 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

14 When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you unto all truth, for he shall not speak of himself.

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not, shall be damned.

16 Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me.

Prayer.—Lesson XIII.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that we are again permitted to assemble for Thy worship, and implore Thy blessing to rest upon us. We would realize our unfitness to come into Thy presence, and would seek Thy grace to enable us to worship Thee, "who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth."

We thank Thee for our temporal mercies—for life, health, and all those blessings which make life desirable. We thank Thee that Thou hast shed upon us the light of science and civilization, and given us the advantages of liberal culture and extensive usefulness in the world.

Especially would we praise Thee for that plan of redemption revealed through Jesus Christ. Thou hast given us Thy blessed Word, "which is able, through faith, to make us wise unto salvation," and the Holy Spirit, to renew and sanctify our hearts. We enjoy the institutions of the Gospel and the means of grace. Thou hast revealed unto us Thy Son, our crucified and risen Saviour, through whose mediation we have access to the throne of Thy mercy, and through whose atoning blood and righteousness alone we can be saved.

We bless Thee, most merciful God, for that sovereign grace which has made the sacrifice and purchased our redemption. Realize unto us our corresponding obligations to love and obey Thee, and to devote ourselves wholly to Thy service.

Grant that we may appreciate our blessings and improve our privileges. Grant that we may come to the Saviour in the exercise of a living faith in Him, and with unfeigned repentance for our sins. We know that "Thou art more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Thee, than earthly parents to give good gifts to their children." With childlike simplicity may we seek Thy pardoning grace, and submit ourselves, without reserve, to Thee. With humility and earnestness may we enter upon the duties of a Christian life, and become the devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

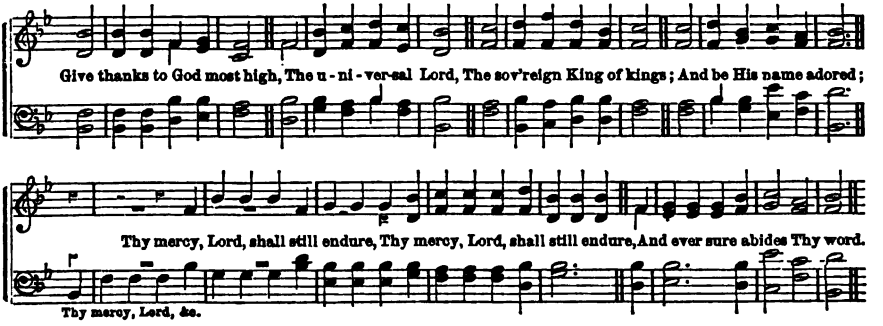
We implore Thy blessing, O God, especially upon the rising generation. Thou hast made special promises to them. May they "remember now their Creator in the days of their youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when they shall say, We have no pleasure in them."

Regard in much mercy, we beseech Thee, our friends, wherever they are. May they be in Thy holy keeping, and share the rich blessings which we seek for ourselves.

May the light of the blessed gospel be speedily diffused through every land, and truth and righteousness every where prevail; for thine, O God, is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Hiram Orcutt.

Creation the Work of God— **LENOX. H. M.** *The Father, Son, and Spirit.*



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GIVE thanks to God most high,
The universal Lord,
The sovereign King of kings;
And be His name adored:

Thy mercy, Lord, | And ever sure
Shall still endure, | Abides Thy word.

2 How mighty is His hand!
What wonders hath He done!
He formed the earth and seas,
And spread the heavens alone:

His power and grace | And let His name
Are still the same; | Have endless praise.

3 Give thanks aloud to God,
To God, the heavenly King;
And let the spacious earth
His works and glories sing;

Thy mercy, Lord, | And ever sure
Shall still endure; | Abides Thy word.

Watts.

28

YE tribes of Adam, join
With heaven, and earth, and seas,
And offer notes divine
To your Creator's praise:

Ye holy throng | In worlds of light,
Of angels bright, | Begin the song.

2 Thou sun, with dazzling rays,
And moon, that rul'st the night,
Shine to your Maker's praise,
With stars of twinkling light;

His power declare, | And clouds that fly
Ye floods on high, | In empty air.

3 The shining worlds above,
In glorious order stand;
Or in swift courses move
By His supreme command;

He spake the word, | From nothing came
And all their frame | To praise the Lord.

Watts.

HAST thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding.

2 This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.

3 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory; I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

4 Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?

5 And hath made of one blood all nations of men, to dwell on all the face of the earth.

6 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

7 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

8 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the world and the world was made by him.

9 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

10 Jesus answered, and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

11 Darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

12 Thou sendest forth thy Spirit; they are created, and thou renewest the face of the earth.

13 By his Spirit he hath garnished the heavens: his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

14 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

15 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

16 God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth, say, Come; and let him that is athirst, come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Prayer.—Lesson XIV.

O LORD GOD, Creator of the ends of the earth, we, Thy children, the creatures of Thy hand, desire now to approach Thee, and joining those who forever sing before Thy throne, would humbly say, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory. Thou hast created the heavens, setting a tabernacle for the sun which shines by Thy brightness, appointing the moon for seasons, and giving the stars for a light by night. Thou didst clothe the earth with beauty, and give life to every creature therein.

Thou art the Father of our spirits, the Fashioner of our bodies, the Preserver of our lives, and the bountiful Giver of all our mercies.

Thou art our Redeemer. Passing by the angels, Thou didst condescend to man, fallen from holiness and doomed to death, and give Thy Son to take his sinful nature and die in his stead.

Thou sendest Thy Holy Spirit to dwell with sinners, and renew and sanctify them; and by His gifts and graces Thou exaltest us above the angels of glory, giving us a seat on the throne with Jesus, at Thy right hand.

By this salvation Thy glory is great above the heavens: beholding it, the angels cry, Glory to God in the highest; and the ransomed saints gratefully sing in thy praise, Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood. * * * * Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

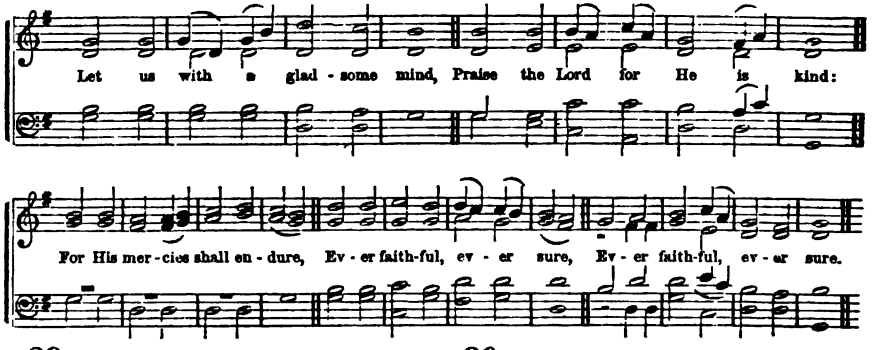
Before Thy presence, and in the light of Thy countenance, we confess, with shame, our unworthiness. Our iniquities are many, our transgressions are great; they have separated between us and God, and provoked the eyes of His glory. Our sins pierced the Lord of life, and put Him to the shameful death of the cross. Wherefore we abhor ourselves, and repent in dust and ashes. We entreat Thee, make us more humble and contrite. We implore Thee for mercy and pardon through Christ Jesus, and beseech Thee to give us the Holy Spirit to wash us in His blood.

O gracious Father, all creatures wait on Thee, and Thou satisfiest the desire of every living thing. We pray Thee, provide for all our wants. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit. Sanctify to us all our studies. Lead us into the knowledge of Christ. Teach us the path of duty, and give us grace to love and serve the precious Saviour, who died for us. Keep us from every sin, and by Thy Spirit conform our lives to the holy example and law of Jesus.

Bless our loved parents, and teachers and friends. Bless our enemies, and help us to do them good. O pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh. Exalt the Redeemer in the hearts of men, and give to Him the kingdoms of the world. And to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the one true and eternal God, we will give praises forever. Amen.

J. C. K. Milligan.

Providence, the Work of God— **HENDON. 7s.** *The Father, Son, and Spirit.*



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LET us with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for He is kind;
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

2 He, with all-commanding might,
Filled the new-made world with light:
All things living He doth feed;
His full hand supplies their need:

3 He His chosen race did bless,
In the wasteful wilderness:
He hath, with a piteous eye,
Looked upon our misery:

4 Let us, then, with gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for He is kind:
For His mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Milton.

30

THOU, who dwell'st enthroned above;
Thou in whom we live and move;
Thou, who art most great, most high—
God from all eternity!

2 When the morning paints the skies,
When the stars of evening rise,
We Thy praises will record,
Sovereign Ruler, mighty Lord!

3 Decks the spring with flowers the field?
Harvest rich doth autumn yield?
Giver of all good below,
Lord, from Thee these blessings flow.

4 Sovereign Ruler! mighty Lord!
We Thy praises will record:
Giver of these blessings, we
Pour the grateful song to Thee.

Sandys.

AND the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake,—neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

2 While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

3 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you, and every living creature of all flesh.

4 It came to pass when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow.

5 Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee, in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: For I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

6 It was not you that sent me hither, but God. For God did send me before you, to preserve life.

7 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers, Abraham and Isaac, did walk, the God which fed me all my life long until this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads.

8 And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold I die; but God shall be with you, and bring you again into the land of your fathers.

9 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

10 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season. That thou givest them they gather: Thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

11 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

12 Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created, and thou renewest the face of the earth.

13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers;—until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high.

14 And shall put my Spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land. Then shall ye know that I, the LORD, have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

15 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God.

16 My God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Prayer.—Lesson XV.

O LORD, our God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honor and majesty; who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain; who layest the beams of Thy chambers in the waters; who makest the clouds Thy chariot, and walkest upon the wings of the wind; who laidest the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever.

We adore Thee as the only living and true God, who, by the word of Thy power, hast created all things, visible and invisible, and by the same powerful word dost uphold them all. Thou only art great; Thou only art good; Thou art great in Thy goodness, and good in Thy greatness. Thou hast set Thy throne in the heavens; and Thine eyes behold, Thine eyelids try the children of men.

All creatures wait on Thee for the supply of their wants, and Thy providence is over all Thy works. The day is Thine; the night also is Thine; Thou sendest the rain in refreshing showers, and snow like wool, and hoar frost like ashes. Thou makest the earth to bring forth and bud, giving seed to the sower, and bread to the eater. Thou hast been, and ever wilt be, faithful to Thy covenant and promises. Therefore we trust in Thee for the continued supply of our continual wants.

Thou art also the source of wisdom and knowledge. Thou hast made man's mind and mouth, and Thou givest him understanding.

We beseech Thee to enlarge and sanctify our minds, and open our mouths in every good word.

Help us to acquire and retain useful knowledge, and may all our acquirements be sanctified to Thy glory.

We do, above all things, thank Thee for the provision Thou hast made for our immortal souls—for the redemption that is in Christ Jesus—for the cleansing blood. Purify us thereby from all iniquity, and wash us therein from every stain of sin. Hide not Thy face, O blessed Redeemer, lest our souls be troubled forever.

Put Thy Spirit within us—Thine enlightening, renewing, sanctifying, comforting Spirit, that we may be born again and live a new life, hid with Christ in God. Let Thy Spirit witness with our spirits, that we are the children of God; that we may rest in Thy love, and be able to take to ourselves the comforting assurance that all things, whether joyous or grievous, shall work together for good to them that love God.

We would be careful for nothing; but, committing all our cares to Thee, beseech Thee to supply all our need, according to the riches of Thy glory in Christ Jesus. Amen.

H. Louis Baugher.

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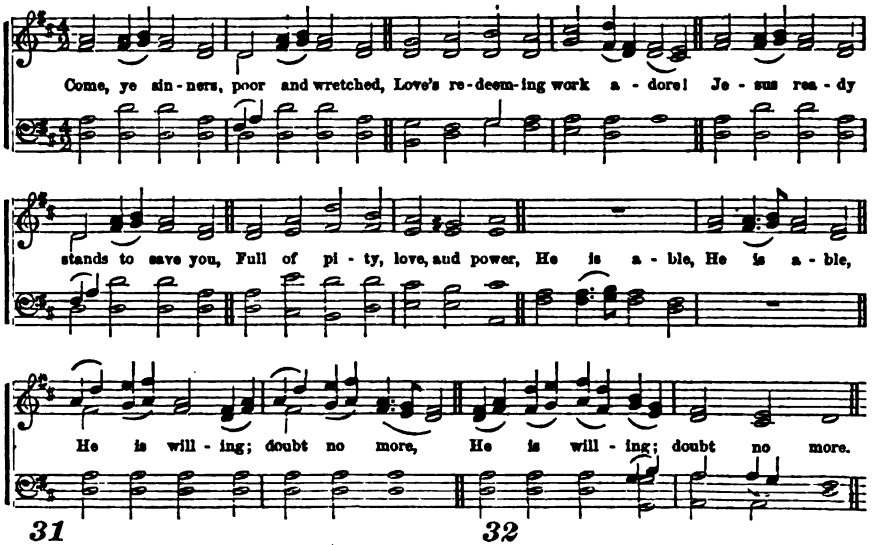
Redemption not of Man, but of **OLIPHANT.** *God—the Father, Son, and Spirit.*



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COME, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Love's redeeming work adore!
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power:
He is able,
He is willing; doubt no more.

2 Agonizing in the garden,
Lo! your Saviour prostrate lies!
On the cursed tree behold Him;
Hear Him cry before He dies;
"It is finished!"
Sinner! will not this suffice?

3 Lo! the incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Hart.

32

HO! ye needy, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify:
True belief, and true repentance,
Every grace that brings us nigh—
Without money,
Come to Jesus Christ, and buy.

2 Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth,
Is to feel your need of Him:
This He gives you:
'Tis His Spirit's rising beam.

3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall:
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous,—
Sinners, Jesus came to call.

Hart.

NONE of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him; that he should still live forever, and not see corruption.

2 But God shall redeem my soul from the power of the grave.

3 Because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen.

4 Now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, fear not, for I have redeemed thee: I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

5 Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish, and without spot.

6 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

7 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and nation.

8 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my Strength and my Redeemer.

9 For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

10 Doubtless thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not. Thou, O LORD, art our Father, our Redeemer: thy name is from everlasting.

11 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.

Prayer.—Lesson XVI.

MOST merciful and gracious God, we adore Thee as infinite in excellence, transcending in the perfections of Thy being and character our highest conceptions. Thou alone art worthy of our supreme affections. Thou hast made us to love and serve Thee with all our hearts, and in Thy service to find our highest happiness. Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. Thou art just and holy in all Thy ways.

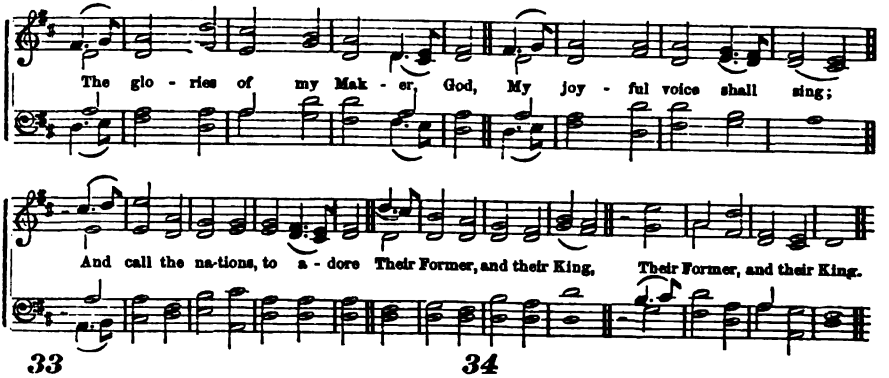
But we have sinned against Thee; our transgressions are manifold and grievous. We have violated Thy holy law at times, and in ways without number. We have sinned against the clearest light and the constant manifestations of Thy loving-kindness. Impure and unholy, we prostrate ourselves in the dust before Thee. We have no righteousness of our own to plead before Thee. Thou seest the evil that we have cherished in our hearts, and if Thou shouldest be strict to mark iniquity, O God! we could not stand before Thee.

But while Thou art so just and holy, we rejoice that Thou art also merciful. We thank Thee for Thy great goodness in surrounding creatures so unworthy with so many blessings. Thy mercies, O God, have been new every morning and fresh every evening. More especially do we thank and praise Thee for the gift of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour, through whom we receive all the blessings of this life, and the promise of life hereafter. We bless Thee that He is an all-sufficient Redeemer, who hath borne our sins and carried our sorrows; who hath humbled himself to take our nature, and suffer for us on the cross. We bless Thee that whosoever repenteth of his sins and believeth on Him, shall be pardoned, justified and saved. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, to renew and sanctify our souls.

We beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, to pardon all our sins, and impart to us freely Thy Holy Spirit, to enable us to forsake them, and live devoted to Thy service. Sprinkle us, O God, with the blood of Jesus, and make Him to be unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

As we are utterly unable to purify or save our own souls, we pray Thee that Thy Spirit may dwell in us to strengthen our good resolutions, to assist us to bear our cross and follow our Saviour in the paths of holiness. May Jesus strengthen us to devote our lives to His service; to overcome our besetting sins; to live a true, godly life; to do good to our fellow-men; to resist all temptation, and unbelief and worldliness of mind; to bear with submission our trials; to be contented with what Thou hast given us, and at length, when Thou hast perfected Thy work in us, grant us an abundant entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom. Accept, O God, these our confessions, and answer our prayers, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Samuel W. Fisher.



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THE glories of my Maker, God,
My joyful voice shall sing;
And call the nations to adore
Their Former and their King.

2 'Twas His right hand that shaped our clay
And wrought this human frame,
But from His own immediate breath
Our nobler spirits came.

3 We bring our mortal powers to God
And worship with our tongues;
We claim some kindred with the skies,
And join the angelic songs.

4 The brightness of our Maker's name
The wide creation fills;
And His unbounded grandeur flies
Beyond the heavenly hills.

Watts.

34

OH, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!

2 Oh, send Thy Spirit down, to write
Thy law upon my heart;
Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,
Nor act the liar's part.

3 Order my footsteps by Thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head nor heart nor hands
Offend against my God.

Watts.

AND the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

2 So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

3 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

4 God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

5 And ye have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge, after the image of him that created him.

6 As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

7 Put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

8 Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

9 Ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God.

10 We all with open face, beholding as in a glass, the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

11 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

12 Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:

13 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

14 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering and come before him: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

15 Neither yield ye your members, as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God.

16 Being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

17 Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

18 I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Prayer.—Lesson XVII.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who art the Framer of our bodies and the Father of our spirits, we desire at this time to draw nigh unto Thee. Grant us, we pray Thee, the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, and let the words of our lips and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing in Thy sight.

We adore Thee as our Creator. Thou didst speak the word, and we were fearfully and wonderfully made. Man became a living soul, formed after Thy likeness, in righteousness and true holiness. But sin has sadly marred what Thou didst pronounce very good. We are fallen from our first estate; we have lost Thine image; our hearts are prone to evil continually; we have gone astray from Thee like lost sheep; and if left to ourselves, we must utterly perish.

We bless Thee that Thou hast not left us, as our sins deserved. Thine only begotten Son has taken upon Him our nature and died for our redemption. Through Him Thou hast mercifully made provision to restore what was ruined by the fall. His precious blood can cleanse us from all our sins, and his Holy Spirit can renew our fallen hearts in Thy likeness. Receive us, we pray Thee, in Him; graciously forgive us all our transgressions, for His name's sake; make us to be born again; create within us a clean heart, and renew within us a right spirit; that we may be pleasing unto Thee and fitted for Thy heavenly kingdom.

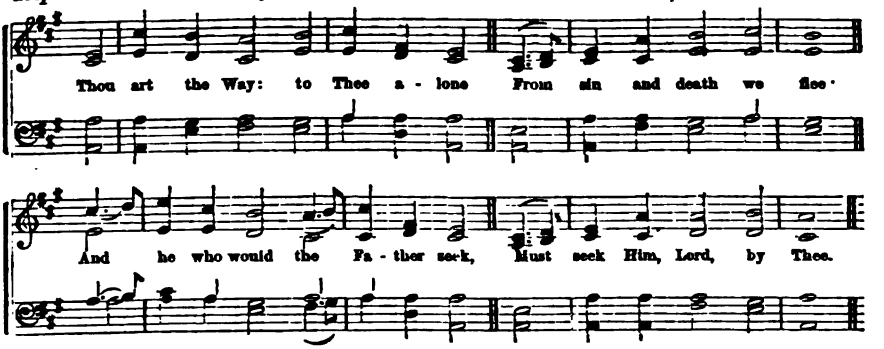
Help us to walk as children of God. Make us to be averse to all sin. May we be enabled to resist every wrong inclination, to curb every wrong temper, to overcome every temptation, and to be holy in all manner of conversation, that we may be daily more and more like Thee.

Direct us in all that we have to do this day, prosper us in our studies, and keep us in all our ways. Help us to remember that the days of our youth may be all that are allotted us to accomplish Thy will on earth, and enable us to so improve our opportunities that we may be always ready to give our account to Thee with joy, and not with grief. May we be prepared to fill every station to which we may be called with honor and usefulness. And when we shall have served Thee faithfully in our generation, may an abundant entrance be ministered unto us into Thine everlasting kingdom, that we may be with Thee and like Thee forever.

All which we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Thomas F. Fales.

Representation—Adam, of his **NEW CASTLE.** C. M. *Posterity, Christ of Believers.*



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THOU art the Way: to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek,
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2 Thou art the Truth: Thy Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst instruct the mind,
And purify the heart.

3 Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in Thee,
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

Doane.

36

WITH flowing eyes and bleeding hearts
A blasted world survey!
See the wide ruin sin hath wrought
In one unhappy day.

2 Adam in God's own image formed,
From God and bliss estranged;
And all the joys of paradise
For guilt and horror changed!

3 O fatal heritage bequeathed
To all his helpless race!
Through the thick maze of sin and woe
Thus to the grave we pass.

4 But O, my soul, with rapture hear
The second Adam's name:
And the celestial gifts He brings,
To all His seed proclaim.

Doddridge.

AND I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you.

2 Ye stand this day all of you, before the LORD your God:—that thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God; and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day;

3 That he may establish thee to-day, for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

4 Neither with you only do I make this covenant, and this oath; but with him that standeth here with us this day, before the LORD our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day.

5 Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

6 As by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

7 Death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

8 Therefore, as by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation—for as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one, shall many be made righteous.

9 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

10 As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.

11 So it is written, the first man, Adam, was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

12 As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

13 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

14 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

15 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me, for they are thine.

16 Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

17 Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

18 His name shall endure for ever: His name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

Prayer.—Lesson XVIII.

WE COME to pray, O Lord, before Thy throne. Hear us, when we call, and help us, now and evermore, for Jesus' sake.

We lay our offerings of penitence and praise upon Thine altar. We mourn that we have fallen in the first of men, that our nature is corrupt, and that all our tendencies are downward. Alas, that in us there dwelleth no good thing. Our strength is weakness, and our wisdom is but folly, and all our goodness a thing of naught. We have broken covenant with Thee, and are become vile. What are we but a wreck before Thee, unholy, unworthy. We make no claim upon Thy clemency, and own the justice of our condemnation.

Yet blessed be Thy holy name, O Lord, that we are bidden not to despair. Glory be to Thee for Him who is the great Restorer, and for that better covenant, of which He is the head. Accept our warmest gratitude for this, that the second man, the Lord from heaven, has made peace between Thee and us, and that now Thou canst be just, and the Justifier of Him who believeth in Jesus.

May it please Thee to bring us within the bonds of this covenant, which is ordered in all things and sure. Oh, that we might be kept by its securities, and nourished by its supplies, and cheered by its promises. May we stand accepted and complete in Him who is our Surety, and our great covenant head.

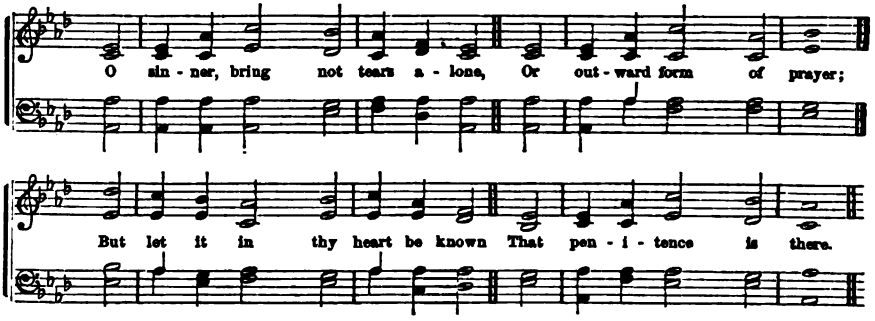
And so, our Father, may we be the sons and daughters of Thy care, having all our sins forgiven, and our spirits gladdened by the light of Thy countenance, and all our way marked out by Thee.

Put us in mind, Divine Saviour, of our deep indebtedness to Thee. Thou art worthy of our love and praise, for Thou hast put our sins away. Thou hast more than recovered the lost paradise for us. Thou hast borne our griefs. Thou hast abolished death. Thou hast delivered us from the wrath to come. Eternal praise to Thee. May Thy love constrain us to live, not to ourselves, but unto Thee.

And let the whole world hear of Thee. Have respect unto Thy covenant, for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty. Arise and plead Thine own cause. Put the gardener's bloom on every moral wilderness, and make all things new. And may the trumpet of Thine everlasting gospel be blown soon in every land, that the jubilee of the race may come, and that Thou mayst see of the travail of Thy soul.

And may Thy coming find us at our post, and meet for that better land, where, with Thee, who art the Mediator of the New Covenant, we shall rejoice and reign forever. Amen.

J. Agnew Crawford.



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O SINNER, bring not tears alone,
Or outward form of prayer,
But let it in thy heart be known
That penitence is there.

2 To smite the breast, the clothes to rend,
God asketh not of thee;
Thy secret soul He bids thee bend
In true humility.

3 O, let us, then, with heartfelt grief,
Draw near unto our God,
And pray to Him to grant relief,
And stay the lifted rod.

4 O righteous Judge, if Thou wilt deign
To grant us what we need,
We pray for time to turn again,
And grace to turn indeed.

Breviary.

38

NOT all the outward forms on earth,
Nor rites that God has given,
Nor will of man, nor blood, nor birth,
Can raise a soul to heaven.

2 The sovereign will of God alone
Creates us heirs of grace:
Born in the image of His Son,
A new, peculiar race.

3 The Spirit, like some heavenly wind,
Blows on the sons of flesh,
New-models all the carnal mind,
And forms the man afresh.

4 Our quickened souls awake and rise
From the long sleep of death:
On heavenly things we fix our eyes,
And praise employs our breath.

Watts.

AND the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden, to dress it, and to keep it.

2 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat;

3 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.

4 And unto Adam, he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it; cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

5 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of of the field.

6 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

7 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

8 Therefore, by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

9 It is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

10 The judgment was by one, to condemnation. By one man's offence death reigned by one. By the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation.

11 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid.

12 And the commandment which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

13 That no man is justified by the law, in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

14 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

15 For as many as are of the works of the law, are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them.

16 As many as have sinned without law, shall also perish without law; and as many as have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law.

17 For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Prayer.—Lesson XIX.

O LORD, Thou art, and besides Thee there is no God; the loving, the holy, and the just One,—the Lord, our Maker, our Benefactor, our offered Redeemer, and our best Friend,—the Searcher of all our hearts, our Judge, and over all, God blessed forever.

Thine, O Lord, are we, for Thou hast made us; and Thine is the right to the best affections and services of all our hearts and our lives. But what shall we say? We have sinned, sinned in youth, in riper years, in heart and in life, against heaven and before Thee; and O, how corrupt and vile has sin made our whole nature! Our heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Our carnal mind is enmity against God. Every imagination of the thoughts of our heart is only evil continually. Our faculties and powers, our appetites and passions are all perverted, and prone to sin. Our whole head is sick, our whole heart is faint. We are altogether guilty before God. There is none righteous, no, not one.

And what, O what shall we do? If we say we have no sin, we make Thee, O God, a liar, and Thy truth is not in us, for there is no man liveth and sinneth not. If we would do good, evil is present with us; and in us, that is in our flesh, there dwelleth no good thing. If we plead any good we have done, there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

But, O Lord, merciful and gracious, do Thou look on us, undone, helpless, lost, and have mercy upon us. Sin has reigned in us unto death, but O let grace now reign in us unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ. We cannot think or speak or do a good thing of ourselves; do Thou work in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Our strength is weakness, and our righteousness as filthy rags. Make Thou us perfect in every good work to do Thy will, working in us that which is well pleasing in Thy sight. Change our whole nature. Turn us from any confidence in the flesh, and make us glory only in the cross of Christ.

Save us from trusting in any works of righteousness which we have done; and let Christ be in us the hope of glory, and the all in all. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Let all our works be wrought in us by Thee. Perfect Thou that which concerneth us; and O, in Thy mercy, grant that delivered from the curse and justified by faith, and sanctified more and more unto Thee, we may be Thine,—savingly, lovingly, everlastingly Thine,—Thine in grace and Thine in glory,—and all, all for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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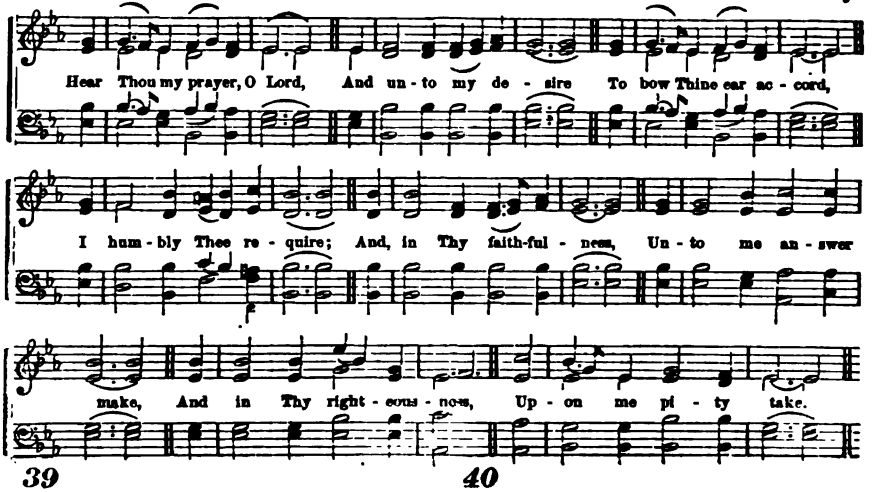

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HEAR Thou my prayer, O Lord!
And unto my desire
To bow thine ear accord,
I humbly Thee require;
And, in Thy faithfulness,
Unto me answer make,
And, in Thy righteousness,
Upon me pity take.

2 In judgment enter not
With me, Thy servant poor;
For why? This well I wot,
No sinner can endure
The sight of Thee, O God:
If Thou His deeds shalt try,
He dare make none abode
Himself to justify.

Scotch Version.

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I FEEL within, a want
Forever burning there;
What I so thirst for, grant,
O Thou who hearest prayer!
This is the thing I crave:
A likeness to Thy Son;
This would I rather have
Than call the world my own.

2 Like Him, now in my youth,
I long, O God, to be,—
In tenderness and truth,
In sweet humility.
'Tis my most fervent prayer:
Be it more fervent still—
Be it my highest care;
Be it my settled will!

Furness.

WHEN the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband, with her, and he did eat.

2 By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

3 The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

4 I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good I find not.

5 O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

6 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like.

7 Wherein, in time past, ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

8 As they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

9 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, whisperers,

10 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

11 Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful;

12 Who, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

13 Therefore, thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another thou condemnest thyself: for thou that judgest doest the same things.

14 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

15 Who will render to every man according to his deeds.

16 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. Without me ye can do nothing.

Prayer.—Lesson XX.

THOU infinitely glorious and eternal God, we acknowledge Thy wisdom, and confess our ignorance; Thy almighty power, and our weakness; Thy spotless purity, and our own deep depravity. We belong to a rebel race, all of whom have sinned, and come short of Thy glory. There is no help or health in us. But we thank Thee, O Lord of heaven and earth, for the gift of Thy Son, in whom we can say to Thee, Our Father! He hath taken away the sins of the world by His meritorious death upon the cross. He hath, by His own blood out-poured in victory, opened a new and living way for perishing sinners to return again to Thee, that they may find mercy and be abundantly pardoned. We thank Thee for the light which led us to the truth that no man can come unto Thee, except the Father draw him. O draw, by Thy Spirit of love, all the souls, dear Father, who belong to our circle of learning in this institution, nearer and nearer to Thyself, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be pleased to make this institution, not only a means of furnishing a thorough secular education, but also a school of pure religious training for the better life to come. Thou knowest the stubbornness and selfishness of the human heart. Thou seest all the secret springs of wickedness in the souls of men. Nothing can be hidden from Thy piercing view, not even the motive for a thought. O, melt our hearts down! subdue in us the carnal mind. Grant us all repentance unto life. May we be justified by faith, freely, through the redemptive blood of Jesus Christ, and sanctified wholly unto the Lord by the baptism of the Holy Ghost!

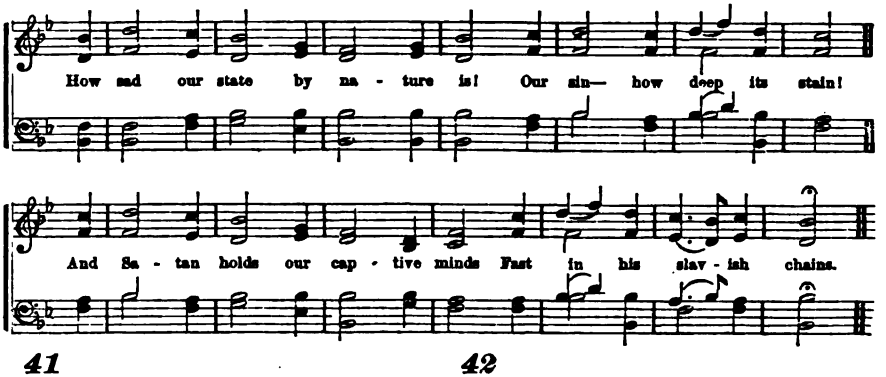
Righteous Father, grant that when these students shall go forth into the world, and walk its social paths, or work its varied fields, their lives may exert a hallowing influence everywhere. May they count it honor to speak and labor for Christ, and to spread the savor of His name throughout this guilty generation. May they take pleasure as Thy appointed agents in doing good to others. May they be feet to the lame, eyes to the blind, ears to the deaf, comfort to all who mourn, and may they make widows' and orphans' hearts to sing with joy!

Grant, O Source of wisdom, that we who teach, and they who learn, as a harmonious brotherhood, may be raised by the power of Thy saving grace completely from the ruins of the fall, restored to the image of God, filled with the fulness of Thy love, and be kept by the power of Thy omnipotent hand, through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

And now unto Him who alone is able to keep us from falling, and to present us blameless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and forever. Amen.

Alexander Clark.

The Ruin of **BALERMA C. M.** *Man's Condition.*



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HOW sad our state by nature is!
Our sin—how deep its stains!
And Satan holds our captive minds
Fast in his slavish chains.

2 But there's a voice of sovereign grace
Sounds from the sacred word:
"Ho! ye despairing sinners, come,
And trust upon the Lord."

3 My soul obeys th' almighty call,
And runs to this relief;
I would believe Thy promise, Lord:
Oh! help my unbelief!

4 A guilty, weak, and helpless worm,
On Thy kind arms I fall:
Be Thou my strength and righteousness,
My Saviour and my all.

Watts.

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WITH flowing eyes and bleeding hearts,
A blasted world survey!
See the wide ruin sin hath wrought
In one unhappy day.

2 Adam, in God's own image formed,
From God and bliss estranged;
And all the joys of paradise,
For guilt and horror changed!

3 O fatal heritage bequeathed
To all his helpless race!
Through the thick maze of sin and woe,
Thus to the grave we pass.

4 But O, my soul, with rapture hear
The Second Adam's name;
And the celestial gifts He brings,
To all his seed proclaim.

Doddridge.

O ISRAEL! thou hast destroyed thyself.
2 He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.
3 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded; but ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:
4 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh: when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.
5 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer: they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me.
6 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD, they would none of my counsel; they despised all my reproof.
7 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.
8 The wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.
9 Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity; for they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb.
10 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust: my skin is broken, and become loathsome. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.
11 Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.
12 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.
13 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.
14 Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
15 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?
16 The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment. Hear, pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow.
17 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid: be ye very desolate, saith the LORD.
18 For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Prayer.—Lesson XXI.

OUT of the depths, O Lord, do we cry unto Thee; shut not, we beseech Thee, Thy merciful ears to our prayers. Though we are deeply fallen, and far from Thee by wicked works, yet as Thou art the Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy, cheer us by some tokens of Thy favor as we draw nigh to the throne of Thy grace.

We are not worthy to bring before Thee any worship or service; but we look away from ourselves to Thy mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom Thou art ever well pleased. We acknowledge and bewail, O Lord, the deep depravity of our hearts; the waywardness and vanity of our minds; and the misery of our whole fallen life. We have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed. We have broken Thy holy laws; we have come short of Thy glory in all our ways; we have neglected Thy grace, and abused Thy love. Our consciences accuse us; our hearts condemn us; and our lives bear testimony against us, as having been prone to all evil, and backward to all good. Under a deep sense of our guilt we are afraid of Thy judgments, and ashamed to lift up our eyes unto Thee.

O God, the Father in heaven; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

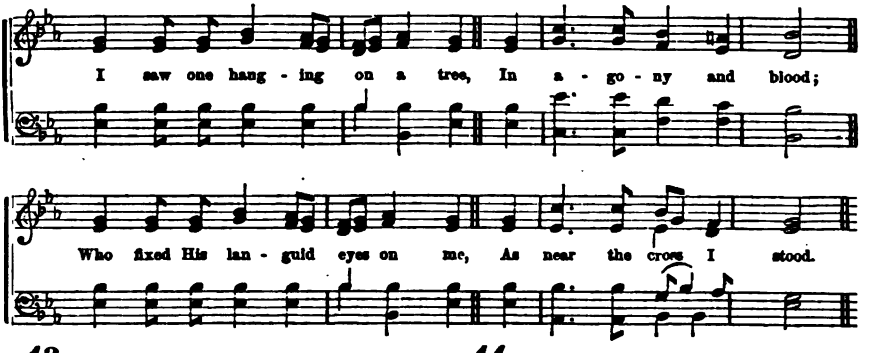
O God, the Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier and Comforter; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Thou, Lord, knowest our frame: Thou rememberest that we are dust. As a father pitieth his children, so let Thy divine heart melt in compassion toward us. Weary and heavy laden we come to Thee; O give Thy troubled and trembling servants peace. Thou, O Lord, art the true and only rest of the soul, and our hearts rest not until they rest in Thee. Receive Thy repenting and returning children, and let there be joy in heaven over the lost that are returning home.

Thou, O Lord Jesus, alone canst cleanse us from sin, and heal our souls that we sin no more. Apply to us, we beseech Thee, Thine atoning blood. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Adopt us as Thy children, and consecrate us entirely to Thy service: that so, having lived in Thy fear, we may die in Thy peace, rest in hope, and attain to the resurrection of the saints; and to Thy great name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, there shall be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

H. Harbaugh.



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I SAW one hanging on a tree,
In agony and blood;
Who fixed His languid eyes on me,
As near the cross I stood.

2 Sure never, till my latest breath,
Can I forget that look;
It seemed to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke.

3 Alas, I knew not what I did,
But all my tears were vain;
Where could my trembling soul be hid?
For I the Lord had slain.

4 A second look He gave, that said,
"I freely all forgive;
This blood is for thy ransom paid,—
I die that thou may'st live."

Newton.

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ALL that I *was*, my sin, my guilt,
My death, was all my own:
All that I *am* I owe to Thee,
My gracious God, alone.

2 The evil of my former state
Was mine, and only mine:
The good in which I now rejoice
Is Thine, and only Thine.

3 The darkness of my former state,
The bondage—all was mine:
The light of life in which I walk,
The liberty—is Thine.

4 Thy grace first made me feel my sin,
And taught me to believe:
Then, in believing, peace I found,
And now, I live, I live!

Boner.

AND God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

2 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it? I the LORD search the heart.

3 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one.

4 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God. For it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

5 The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

6 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

7 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

8 We ourselves, also, were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

9 The wrath of God is revealed from heaven, against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrightness.

10 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

11 O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

12 It is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again, and, The sow that was washed, to her wallowing in the mire.

13 If we sin wilfully, after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins;

14 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment, and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

15 He that despised Moses' law, died without mercy under two or three witnesses.

16 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing; and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace.

17 Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire: this is the second death.

18 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Prayer.—Lesson XXII.

O LORD GOD, Almighty and Everlasting Father, we acknowledge and confess before Thy holy majesty, that we are miserable sinners, born in iniquity and prone to do evil. We have broken Thy holy laws, by thought, word, and deed. We have abused Thy mercies. We have set at naught Thy judgments. We have forgotten Thy chastenings. We are no more worthy to be called Thy children. We have sinned against Thee, not only with outward transgression, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, pride, and hatred. Wherefore, we have drawn upon ourselves just condemnation and death. And in our helplessness we cannot even do the good that we would. Guilty, guilty are we all before Thee this day.

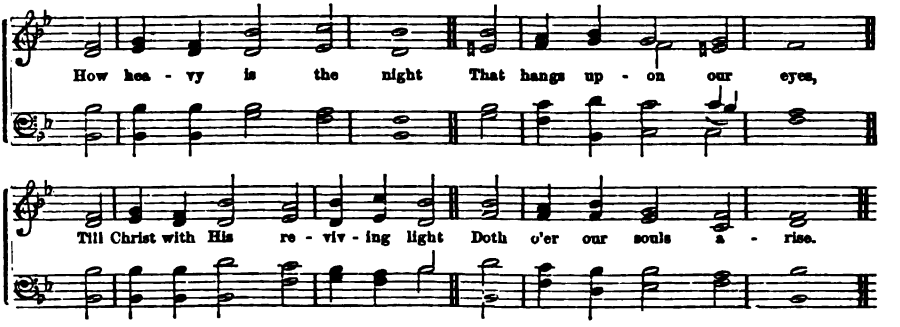
But we heartily repent our offences. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways. We beseech Thee to relieve our distress.

Enter not, O Lord, into judgment with Thy servants, seeing that in Thy sight shall none living be justified; neither visit upon us the reward of our transgressions. But have mercy upon us, O Father of mercies, have mercy upon us; and grant us the daily increase of Thy Holy Spirit; that, being truly repentant, we may turn from all sin, and hereafter live to the honor and glory of Thy name. Amen.

O Lord God, who despisest not a contrite heart, and forgettest the sin and wickedness of a sinner, in whatsoever hour he doth mourn and lament his old manner of living: Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, true contrition of heart, that we may vehemently despise our sinful life past, and wholly be converted unto Thee, by our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of mercy, and God of all comfort, who only forgivest sin; forgive unto us our sins, we humbly beseech Thee. That by the multitude of Thy mercies, they may be covered and not imputed unto us; and that by the operation of the Holy Ghost, we may have power and strength hereafter to resist sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Charles W. Shields.



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HOW heavy is the night
That hangs upon our eyes,
Till Christ, with His reviving light
Doth o'er our souls arise.

2 Our guilty spirits dread
To meet the wrath of Heaven,
But in His righteousness arrayed,
We see our sins forgiven.

3 Unholy and impure
Are all our thoughts and ways;
His hands infected nature cure
With sanctifying grace.

4 Lord, we adore Thy ways
To bring us near to God:
Thy sovereign power, Thy healing grace,
And Thine atoning blood.

Watts.

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GOD'S holy law, transgressed,
Speaks nothing but despair;
Burdened with guilt, with grief oppressed,
We find no comfort there.

2 Not all our groans and tears,
Nor works which we have done,
Nor vows, nor promises, nor prayers,
Can e'er for sin atone.

3 Relief alone is found
In Jesus' precious blood:
'Tis this that heals the mortal wound,
And reconciles to God.

4 High lifted on the cross,
The spotless Victim dies:
This is salvation's only source,
Hence all our hopes arise.

Bedaome.

I KNOW that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing.

2 Jesus answereth them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

3 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

4 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life.

5 When we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members, to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 How then can man be justified with God, or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

7 The flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary, the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

8 We know that the whole creation groaneth, and travaileth together in pain until now.

9 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves, groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?

11 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths; whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

12 Therefore will I also deal in fury; mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

13 If ye will not be reformed by me, by these things, but will walk contrary unto me:

14 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

15 To whom sware he, That they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

16 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

17 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

18 The time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God,—and if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear.

Prayer.—Lesson XXIII.

LORD GOD of Holiness and Truth, we acknowledge our vileness in Thy sight. There is no good thing in us. We have committed sin. We have yielded ourselves as servants of unrighteousness. We have done this evil in Thy sight. Our offences have multiplied against Thee, and our iniquities have prevailed against us. But there is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared. Thou hast caused us to hope in Thy mercy and given light in our darkness. By one sin-offering, Thou canst take away sin and relieve our hardened hearts. Unto Thee do we come. By that new and living way, through the appointed Mediator, and with the sprinkling of blood, would we venture near the mercy-seat.

We have no confidence in the flesh, and plead only the infinite merits of our righteous Advocate with God. For His sake, hear Thou our prayers, and deliver us from the power and curse of sin. May he entreat for us. May He plead our cause. May He answer our ill-desert. In Thy sight, O God, we are guilty and unclean. Wash away our guilt in atoning blood. Renew a right spirit within us. Teach us to hate sin, and flee from it; to love holiness, and follow after it. Help us to cast off the works of darkness, and to walk in newness of life.

May the divine Spirit witness to our unfeigned repentance, and our humble walk with God. By that sacrifice which taught hope to our lost race, and which can alone prevail for the remission of sins, we still urge our plea.

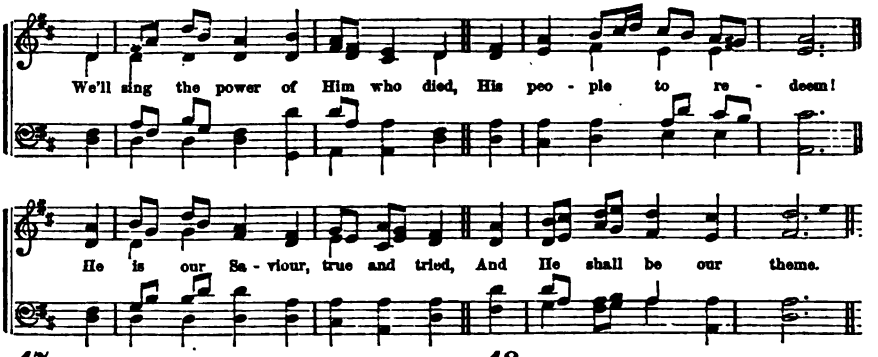
From the ends of the earth, and the depths of our guilt, we still cry unto Heaven. May our cry be heard, and our souls be delivered as a bird from the fowler's snare. Let not Satan get an advantage over us. May we not be led again into sin, or turn again unto folly. Keep us, O Holy Redeemer, by the power of God through faith unto salvation. May we come off more than conquerors.

By Christ have we received the atonement. In Him alone may we trust; and to Him alone may we ascribe all honor and glory, as the Author and Finisher of our salvation.

And now, unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever. Amen.

E. R. Beadle.

Man not Left to **WARWICK. C. M.** *Perish in his Sin.*



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WE'LL sing the power of Him who died
His people to redeem;
He is our Saviour, true and tried,
And He shall be our theme.

2 For He is precious in the sight
Of all who know His voice:
'Twas He who brought us to the light,
And taught us to rejoice.

3 From worldly snares, and Satan's wile,
He guards us by His power;
And keeps us safe from force and guile
In every trying hour.

4 Then let us ever make our boast
Of Him, and Him alone,
Who came from heaven to seek the lost,
And bring us to His throne.

Unknown.

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I WAITED for the Lord, my God,
And patiently did bear;
At length to me He did incline,
My voice and cry to hear.

2 He took me from a fearful pit,
And from the miry clay,
And on a rock He set my feet,
Establishing my way.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
Our God to magnify:
Many shall see it, and shall fear,
And on the Lord rely.

4 O blessed is the man whose trust
Upon the Lord relies:
Respecting not the proud, nor such
As turn aside to lies.

Scotch Version.

IN thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

2 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come: and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

3 In that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

4 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many, but as of one: and to thy seed, which is Christ.

5 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

6 Of this man's seed, hath God, according to his promise, raised unto Israel a Savior, Jesus.

7 They shall call his name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is, God with us.

8 Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.

9 Know, therefore, and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment, to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto the Messiah, the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks.

10 And I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

11 Then took he him up in his arms and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

12 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared, before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

13 Ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

14 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

15 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved.

16 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

17 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

18 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people.

19 Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer.—Lesson XXIV.

O LORD, our God, Thou art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Aid us by Thy Spirit in our approach to the throne of Thy grace, and give us freedom of access into Thy presence, through Jesus Christ.

We humble ourselves before Thee, O Lord, and confess the depravity of our natures, and the multiplied transgressions of our lives. Alas! who knows the number of his sins, or can conceive of their guilt in Thy sight? "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because Thy compassions fail not."

We bless Thee for Thy forbearance, in sparing our lives, amid all our provocations,—for Thy goodness in crowning our days with unnumbered mercies,—and for Thy sovereign grace in providing for our salvation.

We thank Thee that, in accordance with Thy own eternal purpose of mercy—with the promise made to the fathers, the predictions of the prophets, and the rites and symbols of Thy ancient worship, Thou didst, in the fulness of time, send Thy Son into the world to assume our humanity, that, as Emmanuel, God with us, He might, as our substitute, give His life a ransom for many.

Herein, O Lord, is love; not that we loved Thee, but that Thou didst love us, and sent Thy Son to be the propitiation for our sins. We thank Thee for the assurance that His blood cleanseth from all sin, that He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, and that him that cometh He will in no wise cast out. We come to Thee, in the faith of these assurances, and humbly and thankfully receive and rest on Jesus Christ as our Saviour. O, that He may be made of God unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; that His Spirit may dwell in us, to conform us to His own blessed image, and make us meet for the inheritance of glory.

And, O Lord, may the knowledge of this salvation spread, until the promise made to Thy servant Abraham shall be redeemed, that in His seed, which is Christ, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

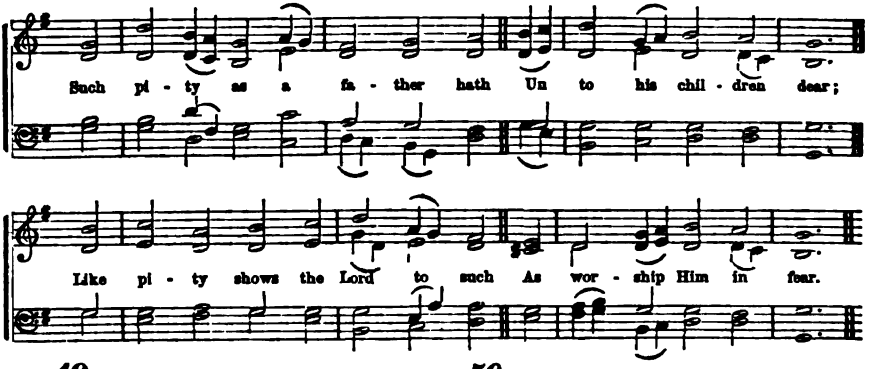
We thank Thee, O, our Father, for the means of instruction in useful knowledge, which we enjoy, and pray that, with humble, docile, and obedient hearts, we may improve our advantages, in securing that mental discipline and those stores of useful information, that shall fit us for usefulness hereafter.

But O Lord, as all human knowledge, unsanctified, is of the earth, earthy, and, with the glory of this world, must soon pass away forever, we pray for the wisdom that cometh from above, that we may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent; for this is life eternal, that, thus, amidst the pursuits of this earthly life, we may be prepared for the glorious destinies of an immortal existence.

Be with us, our Father, in the duties of this day; aid us in the faithful and acceptable performance, and let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer, to whom be praises everlasting. Amen.

William R. De Witt.

The Love of God the **STEPHENS. C. M.** *Father toward Man.*



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SUCH pity as a father hath
Unto his children dear;
Like pity shows the Lord to such
As worship Him in fear.

2 He will not chide continually,
Nor keep His anger still.
With us He dealt not as we sinn'd,
Nor did requite our ill.

3 For as the heaven in its height
The earth surmounteth far;
So great to those that do Him fear
His tender mercies are:

4 As far as east is distant from
The west, so far hath He
From us removéd in His love,
All our iniquity.

Scotch Version.

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I SING the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word,
And then pronounced them good.

2 Father! Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn mine eye;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below,
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne.

4 All things that borrow life from Thee
Are subject to Thy care;
There's not a place where we can flee,
But God is present there.

Watts.

CALL no man your Father upon the earth: for one is your Father which is in heaven.

2 Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

3 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom.

4 And I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord God almighty.

5 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the LORD God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

6 Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?

7 And hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of earth.

8 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

9 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

10 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me and have believed that I came out from God.

11 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.

12 As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God; for ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear:

13 But ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

14 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.

15 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

16 To us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

17 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

18 Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

19 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings, in heavenly places in Christ: having predestinated us to the adoption of children, by Jesus Christ to himself.

Prayer.—Lesson XXV.

OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. We rejoice that we may call Thee by a name so tender and endearing,—by a name that brings Thee so near to us, and us so near to Thee. Give us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of adoption, whereby, with hearts of true filial tenderness, we may cry Abba, Father, and so be unconstrained and at home with Thee.

We adore Thy great and wonderful love, O Father Almighty, Thou didst so love the world, as to spare not Thy well-beloved Son, but didst give Him to be to us, by faith in His blood, our everlasting Saviour from sin and death.

Our Father, what can we not ask of Thee? What may we not expect from Thee, since Thou hast given us so freely, unasked, this unspeakable Gift, Jesus Christ? Wilt Thou not with Him also freely give us all things? Help us by Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee, to live this and every day, as becomes the children of such a Father.

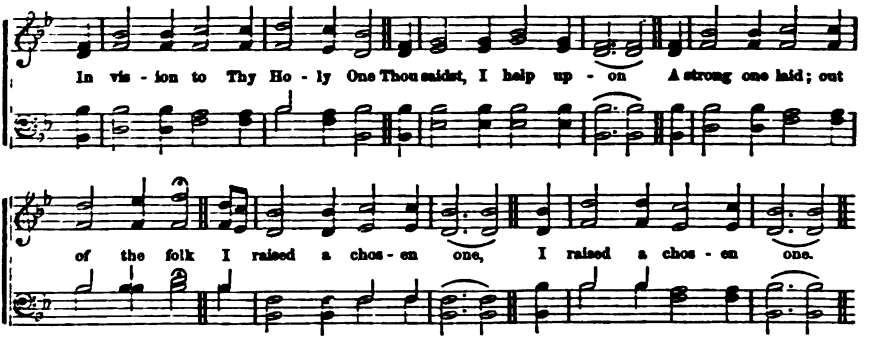
Help us to resist evil and to do Thy will in no cringing, servile spirit; but, with filial zeal, may we ever rejoice to render Thee the prompt and hearty obedience of faith and love.

Pardon all our iniquities. Deliver us from their power, and wash us from their pollution, in the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Make us deeply sensible of our sinfulness: Make us truly humble and contrite. But let us see our Saviour in proportion as we see our sins, so that each deeper view of our guilt shall only give us a higher view of Thy grace and glory; and then we shall not fear to call Thee Father, though we are great sinners in Thy sight.

And while we pray for ourselves, we would remember all classes and conditions of men. Grant Thy blessing, our Father, unto Thy servant the Chief Magistrate of our Nation, and unto all in authority. Remember the poor, the suffering, and the oppressed, and speed the coming of that day when the whole world shall be filled with Thy glory.

Hear us in our supplications for the sake of Jesus Christ; and we will give all the praise to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one God,—our God, now and for evermore. Amen.

Thomas S. Hastings.



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IN vision to Thy Holy One
Thou said'st, I help upon
A strong one laid; out of the folk
I rais'd a chosen one;

2 With whom my hand shall 'stablished be;
Mine arm shall make Him strong.
On Him the foe shall not exact,
Nor son of mischief wrong.

3 My mercy and my faithfulness
With Him yet still shall be;
And in my name His horn and pow'r
Men shall exalted see.

4 His hand and pow'r shall reach afar,
I'll set it in the sea;
And His right hand established
Shall in the rivers be.

Scotch Version.

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O LORD, how infinite Thy love!
How wondrous are Thy ways!
Let earth beneath, and heaven above,
Combine to sing Thy praise.

2 Man in immortal beauty shone,
Thy noblest work below;
Too soon by sin made heir alone
To death and endless woe.

3 Then, "Lo! I come," the Saviour said;
Oh, be His name adored,
Who, with His blood, our ransom paid,
And life and bliss restored!

4 O Lord, how infinite Thy love!
How wondrous are Thy ways!
Let earth beneath, and heaven above,
Combine to sing Thy praise.

Lyte.

THEREFORE the LORD himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

2 Wherefore, when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me.

3 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man, shall be accomplished;

4 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

5 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he shall rise again.

6 He is despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him: he was despised and we esteemed him not.

7 Surely he hath borne our griefs. and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

8 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

9 All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way: and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

10 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

11 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

12 And he made his grave with the wicked; and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

13 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed

14 He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied.

15 Then Jesus said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all the prophets have spoken!

16 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory?

17 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Prayer.—Lesson XXVI.

OUR Heavenly Father, Thou art holy, and Thy law is holy, and just, and good; but we have sinned, we have broken Thy law, and exposed ourselves to its everlasting curse, as it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them. Where, O Lord, may we look for help but unto Thee?

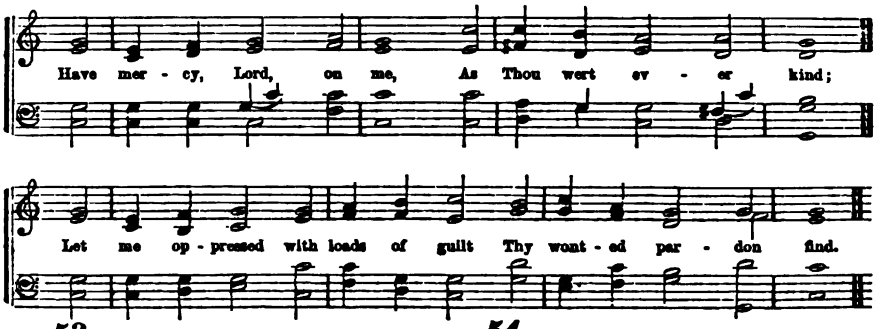
We bless Thee for offers of mercy. We rejoice in Thy covenant of grace, whereby Thou dost bring us out of our estate of sin and misery, and dost bring us into a state of salvation by a Redeemer. Thou hast laid help upon One that is mighty.

We bless Thee that in the fulness of time, Christ came to be our atoning sacrifice. He hath suffered, the Just, for *us*, the unjust. He was bruised for our iniquities. By His stripes we are healed. Surely He hath borne our grief, and carried our sorrows. And now, heavenly Father, by the merits of His precious blood, Thou canst be just and yet justify him that believeth. And we bless Thee for the multitudes who have already come to Thee in the name of Jesus, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In answer to Thy gracious invitations, may we come also and receive pardon and eternal life. May we, by the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, have faith to see and feel that Christ hath taken away our sins. May each one of us here present be able, with the heart to say, The Saviour died for me.

And may our faith in a crucified Redeemer, lead us to crucify in ourselves all sin. By His precious blood may we not only be saved from the penalty of sin, but also from its defilement. May we ever add to our faith virtue, and knowledge, and temperance, and patience, and godliness, and brotherly kindness, and charity. May the love of Christ constrain us to all that is good, and keep us from all that is evil. And may the thought of a suffering Saviour aid us to bear submissively the sorrows of life, and after the discipline of earthly trials, washed in the blood of Thy Son, sanctified by Thy Holy Spirit, wilt Thou number us with Thy saints in glory everlasting—and the praise of our salvation shall be Thine forever. Amen.

John McLeod.



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HAVE mercy, Lord, on me,
As Thou wert ever kind;
Let me, oppressed with loads of guilt,
Thy wonted pardon find.

2 Blot out my crying sins,
Nor me in anger view;
Create in me a heart that's clean,
An upright mind renew.

3 Withdraw not Thou Thy help,
Nor cast me from Thy sight,
Nor let Thy Holy Spirit take
His everlasting flight.

4 The joy Thy favor gives,
Let me again obtain,
And Thy free Spirit's firm support
My fainting soul sustain.

Tate and Brady.

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SHOW me Thy ways, O Lord;
Thy paths, O teach Thou me:
And do Thou lead me in Thy truth,
Therein my Teacher be:

2 For Thou art God that dost
To me salvation send,
And I upon Thee all the day
Expecting do attend.

3 God good and upright is:
The way He'll sinners show.
The meek in judgment He will guide,
And make His path to know.

4 With those that fear Him is
The secret of the Lord:
The knowledge of His covenant
He will to them afford.

Scotch Version.

AND it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons, and your daughters shall prophesy.

2 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my Spirit remaineth among you.

3 When they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

4 It is written in the Prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man, therefore, that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

5 And such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

6 Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

7 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory: that your faith and hope might be in God.

8 If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

9 It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing.

10 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

11 And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not.

12 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

13 In Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing nor uncircumcision, but faith which worketh by love.

14 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered.

15 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

DOXOLOGY.

To God, the Father, Son,
And Spirit, glory be,
As was, and is, and shall remain
Through all eternity!

Prayer.—Lesson XXVII.

SPIRIT of Life, faith, hope, and love, who proceedeth from the Father, and the Son, breathe upon us life, the life of Jesus Christ, that we may live through Him who brought life and immortality to light. Take, we beseech Thee, of the things that are Christ's, and show them unto us, and lead us into all truth.

Thou, who givest liberally to all who ask Thee, and upbraidest not, give us wisdom, that we may all know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent, whom to know is eternal life.

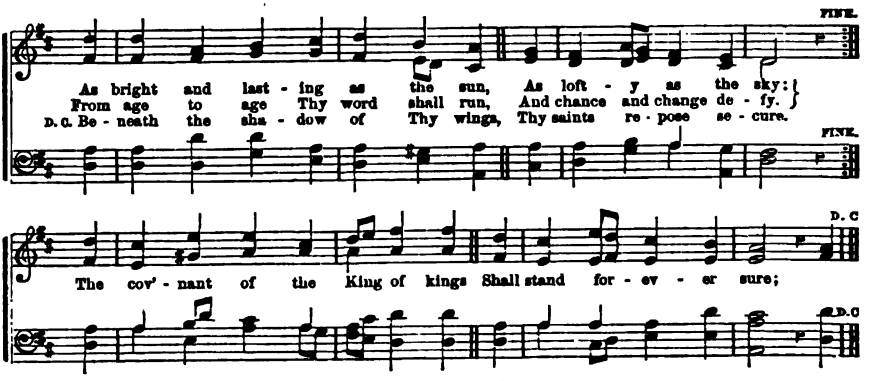
O, Thou Holy Comforter, whom the Father sends in Jesus' name, teach us all we ought to know, and bring all things to our remembrance that He hath said to us, and done for us; abide with us forever, and make us holy and useful, now and here, that we may be happy here and hereafter.

O, Thou Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, may we, for Jesus Christ's sake, truly know Thee, by Thy dwelling with us, and do Thou ever be in us, the earnest of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of Thy glory. And as Thou hast declared that the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every one *to profit* withal, we do most earnestly beseech Thee, that every grace and fruit of the Spirit may be in us, and so abound that we shall ever earnestly covet the best gifts, and use them for the good of Christ's body, the church, of which we are, or should be members, and for Thy glory.

So keep us that we quench not the Spirit, and that we grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption. Help us to put away from us all bitterness and wrath, and anger and clamor, and evil speaking, with all malice; and to be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us.

Finally, grant that with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, we may ever endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, all of which we humbly beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

J. Foster Halsey.



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AS bright and lasting as the sun,
As lofty as the sky,
From age to age Thy word shall run,
And chance and change defy.

2 The covenant of the King of kings
Shall stand forever sure;
Beneath the shadow of Thy wings
Thy saints repose secure.

3 Thine is the earth, and Thine the skies,
Created at Thy will;
The waves at Thy command arise,
At Thy command are still.

4 In earth below, in heaven above,
Who, who is Lord, like Thee?
Oh, spread the gospel of Thy love
Till all Thy glories see!

Lyte.

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MY God, the covenant of Thy love
Abides forever sure;
And in its matchless grace I feel
My happiness secure.

2 Since Thou, the everlasting God,
My Father art become,
Jesus, my Guardian and my Friend,
And heaven my final home;—

3 I welcome all Thy sovereign will,
For all that will is love;
And when I know not what Thou dost,
I wait the light above.

4 Thy covenant in the darkest gloom
Shall heavenly rays impart,
And when my eyelids close in death,
Sustain my fainting heart.

Doddridge.

I HAVE made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David, my servant.

2 My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

3 Also I will make him my first-born, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

4 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

5 Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

6 For it pleased the Father, that in him should all fulness dwell.

7 Incline your ear and come unto me, hear and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

8 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them to do them good: but I will put my fear in their hearts.

9 And they shall be my people and I will be their God.

10 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them me.

11 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost, that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

12 For such a High Priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.

13 For all the promises of God in him are, yea, and in him, Amen, unto the glory of God.

14 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who had fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.

15 Therefore, as by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men, unto justification of life.

16 There is, therefore, no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

DOXOLOGY.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Prayer.—Lesson XXVIII.

ALMIGHTY and all-gracious God, we bow before Thee as the Fountain of light, and strength, and comfort, and salvation. We recognize Thy goodness to man in his original state, in placing him under a perfectly holy law, and giving him the ability to obey it, while yet he was left capable of disobedience. We thank Thee that, though he fell from rectitude, he did not fall irrecoverably; for in the greatness of Thy mercy, Thou wast pleased to devise a plan for his redemption.

We thank Thee for that gracious covenant which contemplates man in all his wretchedness and ruin, and God in all the majesty of His justice and holiness; and yet makes provision, through the atoning sacrifice of the Lord Jesus and the gracious offering of the Holy Spirit, for the cancelling of man's guilt, and the restoration of the Divine image to his soul.

We thank Thee that in this covenant is bound up every blessing that man needs; that here God becomes pledged, through Christ, to be his Guide in difficulty, his Comforter in sorrow, his Refuge in danger, his Helper in weakness, and his Portion to all eternity.

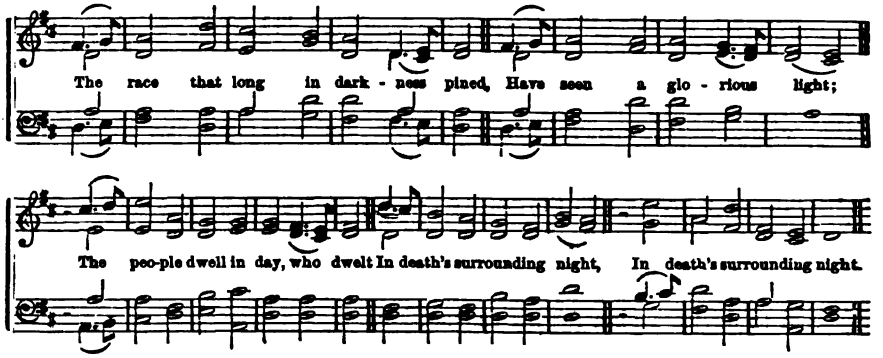
We thank Thee that this covenant is firm as the Rock of Ages; that though Heaven and earth may pass away, both its promises and its provisions shall endure forever.

And now wilt Thou graciously help us to avail ourselves of the manifold blessings which this covenant contemplates. To this end may we receive Christ into the arms of a living faith. May we receive Him as a gracious Counsellor, as a great High Priest, as Head over all things to the church. May His Spirit dwell continually in our hearts, moulding us more and more into the Divine image, delivering us more and more from the tyranny of evil affections and vain imaginations, until finally, through abounding grace in Jesus Christ, we are permitted to stand on Mount Zion above, with songs upon our lips and palms in our hands.

We rejoice in the assurance that the glorious Gospel, which proclaims to us this new and better covenant, shall ere long become universal. Wilt Thou hasten this blessed consummation in Thine own best time; and, if it please Thee, wilt Thou employ us among the instruments for bringing it forward?

And now wilt Thou graciously hear us in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

W. B. Sprague.



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THE race that long in darkness pined,
Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death's surrounding night.

2 To hail Thy rise, Thou better Sun,
The gathering nations come
With joy, as when the reapers bear
The harvest treasures home.

3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given;
And Him shall all the earth obey,
And all the hosts of heaven.

4 His name shall be the Prince of peace,
For evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.

C. Wesley.

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HOSANNA to the royal Son
Of David's ancient line!
His natures two, His person one,
Mysterious and Divine.

2 The root of David, here we find,
And offspring is the same;
Eternity and time are joined
In our Emmanuel's name.

3 Blessed He that comes to wretched men,
With peaceful news from heaven!
Hosannas of the highest strain,
To Christ, the Lord, be given.

4 Let mortals ne'er refuse to take
Hosannas on their tongues,
Lest rocks and stones should rise and break
Their silence into songs.

Watts.

THE angel answered, and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God.

2 I will declare a decree; the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

3 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews?

4 This shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

5 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

6 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

7 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took of the same.

8 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels, but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

9 Therefore, in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren.

10 We have not a High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points, tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

11 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory.

12 Moses truly said unto the fathers, A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me. Him shall ye hear.

13 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets, concerning the Son of Man, shall be accomplished.

14 And now, O Father, glorify thou me, with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

15 They sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof, for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God, by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

16 And hast made us unto our God, kings and priests.

17 And the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying, with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb, that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Prayer.—Lesson XXIX.

ADORABLE and incomprehensible Jehovah! Thou dwellest in light that is inaccessible and full of glory. No man hath, indeed, at any time seen Thee; yet are Thine existence and attributes, Thine eternal power and Godhead, clearly known by the works which Thou hast made, and by that blessed book which Thou hast inspired.

We draw near into Thy divine presence to present that adoration to which Thou alone art entitled; for Thou alone art possessed of infinite attributes, and Thine attributes alone are infinite perfections. Thou alone art our Creator, our Redeemer, and constant Benefactor.

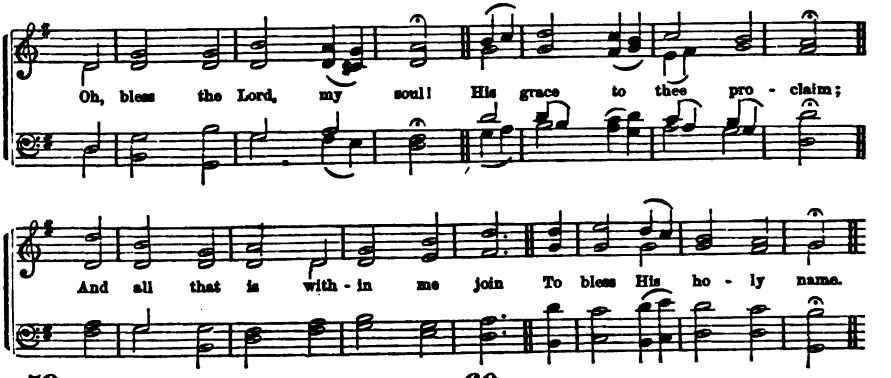
We adore Thee, that Thou hast so loved the world, as to give Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. We thank Thee, that to us is born this day a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Our souls would magnify the Lord, our spirits would rejoice in God our Saviour.

We bless Thy name, O Thou Son of God! that Thou didst forsake the glory which Thou hadst with the Father ere the world was, and assume the nature, not of angels, nor of archangels, but of man. Blessed be Thy name, that though the riches of the universe were Thine, yet for our sake Thou didst become poor, that we by Thy poverty might be made rich. We thank Thee that angelic hosts announced Thy divine and comprehensive mission, as bringing glory to God in the highest, peace upon earth, and good will unto men. We bless Thee that Thou didst go about upon earth doing good, making the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the dead return to life. We praise Thee for the sorrows of Gethsemane, for the agonies of the cross; for Thy divine instructions, for Thy gracious invitations to the weary and heavy-laden, the afflicted and the oppressed. We thank Thee, that Thou didst condescend to be wounded for our transgressions, to be bruised for our iniquities, that the chastisement of our peace was upon Thee, and by Thy stripes we are healed.

And now, blessed Saviour! do Thou fill our souls with adoration for Thy divine majesty, with penitence for our manifold sins, with gratitude and love for Thine atoning death and all-prevailing intercession, and with humble purposes of entire obedience. May we daily study to imitate Thy spotless example, and may the same mind be in us which was in Thee, who wast holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners.

Holy Spirit, enter into our hearts, and fill them with love to God, and love to our fellow-men. Consecrate all our powers of mind and body to Thy service for time and eternity. Bless our friends and relatives, our fathers and mothers, our brothers and sisters, our teachers and fellow-students, the poor, the destitute, the afflicted and oppressed. And let Thy kingdom of righteousness and peace, and brotherly love come, and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; for Christ's sake. Amen.

Samuel S. Schmucker.



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2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind;
Forget not all His benefits;
The Lord to thee is kind.

3 He pardons all thy sins,
Prolongs thy feeble breath;
He healeth thy infirmities,
And ransoms thee from death.

4 He clothes thee with His love,
Upholds thee with His truth;
Then, like the eagle, He renews
The vigor of thy youth.

5 Then bless His holy name,
Whose grace hath made thee whole;
Whose loving-kindness crowns thy days,
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Montgomery.

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THOU art, O Christ, the Way;
Thyself reveal to me;
And let me humbly, day by day,
Live, move, and walk in Thee.

2 Thou art the Truth divine:
Its fulness may I see;
Believe, and find the promise mine,—
"The Truth shall make you free."

3 Thou art the Life of God;
By Thee the dying live;
In me diffuse Thyself abroad,
And life eternal give.

4 Thus by Thyself, the Way,
I to the Father come;
Led by the Truth, I cannot stray;
The Life and I are one.

G. Smith.

AND the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake, in time past, unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken to us by his Son.

3 John said, I am not he; but, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.

4 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts, till the day of his showing unto Israel.

5 And Jesus increased in wisdom, and stature, and in favor with God, and men.

6 And it came to pass, that after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

7 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

8 When he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom and these mighty works?

9 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

10 When he had sent the multitude away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray; and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

11 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again.

12 Jesus wept.

13 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house, hath eaten me up.

14 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

15 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

16 They were astonished at his doctrine, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

17 All bear him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

18 And all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

DOXOLOGY.

To God, the Father, Son,
And Spirit, glory be,
As was, and is, and shall remain
Through all eternity!

Prayer.—Lesson XXX.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father! We adore and worship Thee as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank Thee for Thy unspeakable Gift, our Redeemer and Saviour.

Impart to us the influences of the Holy Spirit, that He may show to us the things of Christ, and make us prize the mediation of Thy dear Son. Give us the largest measures of His grace, that we may increase in wisdom, and in favor with God and men. May our early days be as holy as the youth and manhood of Jesus. May we ever heed Thy commandments, and obey all who have authority to direct our course.

Guide us by Thy word and providence, so that our daily walk may show our supreme devotion to our Heavenly Father. In all our various activities, make us eager to keep the law of God, and to promote the welfare of our companions.

Help us to be diligent in the improvement of our time; in the cultivation of our minds; in the acquisition of knowledge; in the use of religious privileges; and in the performance of Divine worship, according to the example of Jesus. May His attentive observation of Thy works be our daily habit, so that even the lilies of the field may teach us important lessons.

Let thy word dwell in us richly, that we may rightly use the Holy Scriptures as Jesus did. Fill us with the consciousness of Thy presence, and so make us able to rule our own spirits, and ready, like our Lord, to resist the temptations of a sinful world; to withstand the allurements of evil; and to escape the wiles of Satan.

May the example of Thy dear Son incite us to emulate all those virtues which adorned His life. So may we be clothed with humility; kind to all; helpful to the needy; forgiving to the injurious; respectful to the aged; compassionate to the wretched and sinful; and courageous against the wrong.

Make us willing to bear the cross after Jesus, even though His pathway should lead through self-denial into the wilderness, where fasting and prayer must fit us to overcome our spiritual foes. Prepare us to endure the darkest hour of anguish, as Jesus endured the agony of the garden and the mysterious passion of the cross. May the assurance of eternal union with Him fill our hearts with peace, and hope, and joy; and may the vision of His face in glory be our perfect and everlasting felicity in heaven.

Even now we ask in His name the forgiveness of our many sins, and our complete justification, through faith in His blood. And we will praise the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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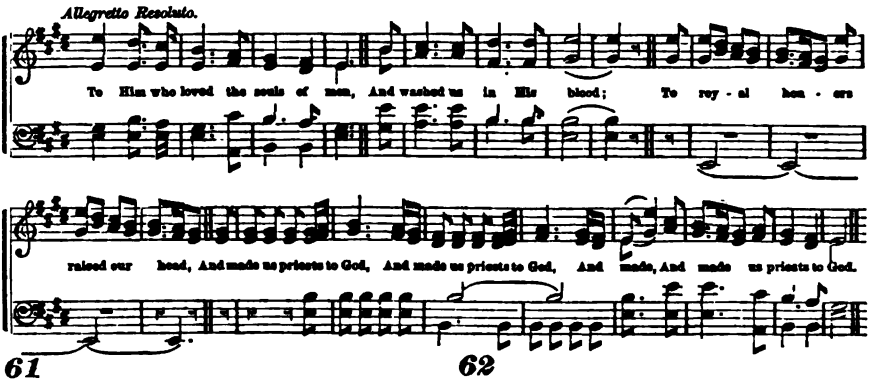

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TO Him who loved the souls of men,
And washed us in His blood,
To royal honors raised our head,
And made us priests to God;—

2 To Him let every tongue be praise,
And every heart be love;
All grateful honors paid on earth,
And nobler songs above!

3 Behold, on flying clouds He comes!
His saints shall bless the day;
While they that pierced Him sadly mourn
In anguish and dismay.

4 Thou art the First, and Thou the Last;
Time centres all in Thee,—
Th' almighty God, who was, and is,
And evermore shall be.

Unknown.

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JOY to the world! the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

Watts.

FOR there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus: who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

2 And for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

3 And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he.

4 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

5 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased; I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.

6 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets; and in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

7 We have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of his majesty.

8 For he received from God the Father, honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

9 And this voice, which came from heaven, we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have, also, a more sure word of prophecy.

10 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven, like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

11 I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

12 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me.

13 Lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

14 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me, beareth witness of me.

15 Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. He shall glorify me—He shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.

16 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

Prayer.—Lesson XXXI.

BLESSED be Thy name, Heavenly Father, for the gift of Thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. We rejoice that He is our ever present Friend, our Mediator, our sure hope of eternal life. We ask Thee to give us that pardon of our sins which we have by being washed in His blood; that comfort and happiness which the presence of the Holy Spirit gives us; and that entire submission to Thy will which we enjoy when we know that Thou art our Father, and we Thy children.

Father, give us grace to look within our own hearts, and examine them by Thy Word. Prove us; search us; cleanse us from every evil thought and deed, and lead us in the path to everlasting life.

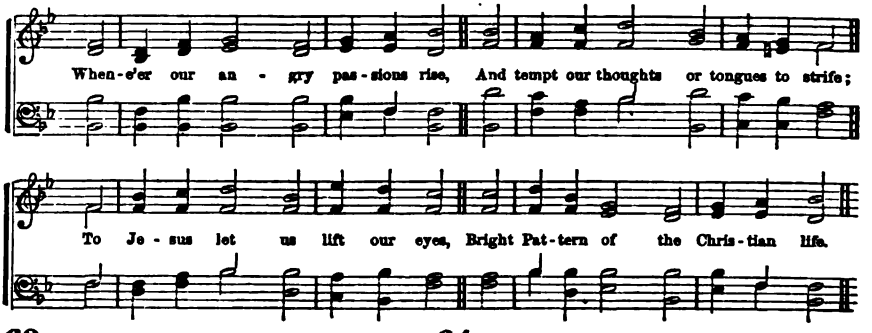
Father, we ask Thee to point out the path of duty this day, and every day that Thou art pleased to spare us on earth. May it be a delight to us to serve Thee. May we perform every duty gladly and in earnest. We look to Thee for Thy strength, for we know that we have no strength of our own. We ask for Thy guidance, for we know that we would go astray without it. Make us honest, industrious, generous, prayerful, and always ready to do Thy will. May we not be afraid of Thee, but may our service be such as we joyfully render to our best Friend, and our loving Father.

Father, give us perfect happiness in the hope of immortal life, through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Give us faith to believe all Thou hast told us of the mansions which His precious blood has bought for us. May our faith never fail us in any of the troubles which cross our path in this life. May we go on as pilgrims and strangers, seeking our rest in the better country, the heavenly. May our affections be set on the things which are at Thy right hand. May we use the blessings of this life rightly and gratefully, and live in such constant looking for the life to come, that we shall never be afraid of death.

And, when we are at last called to die, may we yield up our spirits triumphantly, and go home to be partakers of that complete victory with which Christ maketh his children free.

All that we ask is in the name of Him who hath loved us, who died for us, and who ever liveth to make intercession for us. Amen.

Alfred Taylor.



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WHENE'ER our angry passions rise,
And tempt our thoughts or tongues to strife,
To Jesus let us lift our eyes,
Bright Pattern of the Christian life.

2 O, how benevolent and kind;
How mild! how ready to forgive!
Be this the temper of our mind,
And these the rules by which we live.

3 To do His heavenly Father's will,
Was His employment and delight;
Humility and holy zeal
Shone through His life divinely bright.

4 Dispensing good where'er He came,
The labors of His life were love!
If, then, we love the Saviour's name,
Let His divine example move.

Steele.

64

WHERE high the heavenly temple stands,
The house of God not made with hands
A great High Priest our nature wears,
Our Friend and Advocate appears.

2 Though now ascended up on high,
He bends on earth a brother's eye;
Partaker of the human name,
He knows the frailty of our frame.

4 In every pang that rends the heart,
The Man of Sorrows had a part;
He sympathizes with our grief,
And to the sufferer sends relief.

4 With boldness, therefore, at the throne,
Let us make all our sorrows known:
And ask the aid of Heavenly power,
To help us in the evil hour.

Logan.

AND the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

2 And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.

3 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine.

4 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

5 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench; he shall bring forth judgment unto truth: He shall not fail, nor be discouraged.

6 Wherefore, in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of his people.

7 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

8 Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps; who, when he was reviled, reviled not again: when he suffered, he threatened not, but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.

9 Such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners.

10 Christ hath also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust.

11 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him.

12 But so much the more there went a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

13 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

14 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them.

15 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

16 Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me. And he laid his hands on them.

17 And it came to pass, that while they communed together, and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

18 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures.

Prayer.—Lesson XXXII.

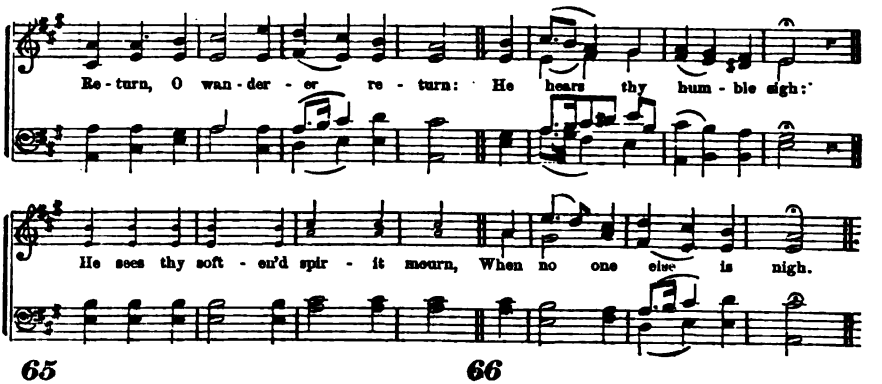
O THOU God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we would humbly and reverently approach with these dear youth into Thy holy presence. Wilt Thou not smile upon us as we join to praise Thee for our continued health and strength, our food and raiment, our homes and comforts, our faculties and instructions, our opportunities and enjoyments, but especially for the gift of Thy Son, our Saviour, through whom we have all temporal and spiritual blessings. We rejoice in *His personal character* as unfolded in Thy inspired word. Once a child Himself, He knows how children feel. Once a youth, with a human understanding that gradually opened to receive knowledge, He knows how to sympathize with the young who are being trained for the duties and responsibilities of future life. Incline these dear youth to pattern after His perfect example. Like Him may they be obedient to parents, respectful to those in authority, and submissive to God. Like Him may they be gentle in spirit, kind in manner, forgiving in nature, pure in conversation, earnest in effort, persevering in labor, frequent in prayer, useful in life, constantly solicitous to do the will of their Father who is in heaven. Charmed by this "bright pattern of the Christian life," and yet conscious of propensities and temptations that would lead them astray, help each one to pray, "My Father, wilt not Thou be the Guide of my youth?"

Oh, blessed Jesus, as Thou didst walk with the disciples who were journeying from Jerusalem to Emmaus, as Thou didst open their mind to understand the Scriptures, as Thou didst cause their hearts to burn within them, so wilt Thou not walk with these dear youth who are setting out in life's eventful journey? wilt Thou not help them in enriching their minds with important truths? wilt Thou not kindle in their bosoms the fires of gratitude, love and joy, that with burning hearts they may be impelled to, and strengthened for every good word and work? Oh, let all these dear youth realize during life the inspiration of Christ *in them, and with them, and for them.*

Help them this day in their studies, their recitations, the government of their tempers, and the control of their words and actions, so that at its close they may be able to exclaim, I have gained, rather than lost, another day. Mercifully regard their teachers, their parents, their kindred and all their friends.

Bless the great cause of Christian education. Prosper free institutions. Extend and establish Thine own kingdom in all the world, until Christ shall reign victorious, and the whole earth shall be filled with Thy glory. These, with all other mercies and blessings, we ask in the name and for the sake of our Divine Redeemer. Amen.

Alfred Cookman.



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RETURN, O wanderer, return;
He hears thy humble sigh:
He sees thy soften'd spirit mourn,
When no one else is nigh.

2 Return, O wanderer, return;
Thy Saviour bids thee live;
Come to His cross, and, grateful, learn
How Jesus can forgive.

3 Wretched wanderer, now return,
And wipe the falling tear;
Thy Father calls—no longer mourn;
'Tis love invites thee near.

4 From all thy wanderings, now return,
Regain thy long-sought rest;
The Saviour's melting mercies yearn
To clasp thee to His breast.

Collyer.

66

HEAR me, O God, nor hide Thy face,
But answer lest I die;
Hast Thou not built a throne of grace,
To hear when sinners cry?

2 As on some lonely building's top,
The sparrow tells her moan,
Far from the tents of joy and hope,
I sit and grieve alone.

3 But Thou forever art the same,
O my eternal God!
Ages to come shall know Thy name,
And spread Thy works abroad.

4 Thou wilt arise, and show Thy face,
Nor will my Lord delay
Beyond th' appointed hour of grace,
That long expected day.

Watts.

AND David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven, and in the earth, is thine: thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

2 But who am I, and what is my people, for we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers?

3 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

4 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts; he is the King of glory.

5 Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good-will toward men.

6 Now unto God and our Father, be glory forever and ever. Amen.

7 No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

8 Who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.

9 When all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son, also, himself be subject unto him that put all things under him; that God may be all in all.

10 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.

11 What is man that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

12 The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot, even unto the head, there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up.

13 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Corrupt are they.

14 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind.

15 This know, also, that in the last days, perilous times shall come.

16 For men shall be lovers of their owns-elves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.

17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sowest up mine iniquity.

Prayer.—Lesson XXXIII.

GREAT and Eternal God! "Who is like unto Thee? Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders." "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens. When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained, What is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou visitest him? For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor." But, alas! the crown of holiness has fallen from our heads. We are vile, and unworthy by nature and practice. We have inherited from our first parents, who fell from their original righteousness, a corrupt and depraved nature, and we are daily inclined to follow their sinful footsteps.

"If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O, Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared." Glory be to Thine adorable name for the revelation of Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ, Thy co-equal and co-eternal Son, who assumed our nature, offered Himself as an atoning sacrifice for sin, rose again from the dead, ascended on high and sat down, as our Intercessor and Advocate, on the throne of grace.

Invited by Thy word, we approach that throne. May the Holy Spirit "help our infirmities," and renew our hearts. We plead the perfect righteousness of Christ as our only ground of acceptance. For His sake, our Heavenly Father, bestow upon us Thy pardoning, sanctifying, and saving grace.

If Thou shouldest manifest Thine eternal displeasure against us, Thy character will be forever glorious in the display of retributive justice and wrath. But we are assured that Thou "delightest in mercy," and that Thou canst bestow mercy on sinners, even the chief of sinners, who believe in Christ, without conflicting with the claims of justice; yea, that Thy moral attributes will be rendered thereby transcendently glorious.

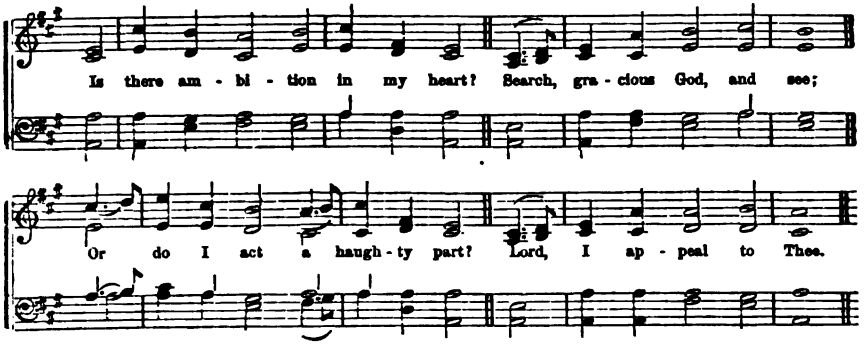
"Lord, we believe, help Thou our unbelief." We are wholly unworthy and impotent. But our divine Redeemer is infinitely worthy, and "mighty to save." "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men."

In our weakness and unworthiness we draw nigh, O Lord, to Thee: and we beseech Thee to accept our humble confession of sin, our adoration and praise for Thy marvellous condescension and mercy; the dedication of our hearts and lives to Thy service, and our earnest prayer for Thy presence and grace, to enable us to perform every duty, to endure every trial, to triumph over death, and to obtain an inheritance among the redeemed in heaven.

And to the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be praise and glory forever. Amen.

James Wood.

Christ, our Teacher, **NEW CASTLE. C. M.** *Enjoins Humility.*



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IS there ambition in my heart?
Search, gracious God, and see;
Or do I act a haughty part?
Lord, I appeal to Thee.

2 I charge my thoughts, be humble still,
My words and actions, mild;
Content, my Father, with Thy will,
And quiet as a child.

3 The patient soul, the lowly mind,
Shall have a large reward:
Let saints in sorrow lie resigned,
And trust a faithful Lord.

4 Let God the Father, and the Son,
And Spirit be adored,
Where there are works to make Him known,
Or saints to love the Lord!

Watts.

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A BROKEN spirit is to God
A pleasing sacrifice:
A broken and a contrite heart,
Lord, Thou wilt not despise.

2 God merciful and righteous is,
Yea, gracious is our Lord.
God saves the meek: I was brought low,
He did me help afford.

3 Though God be high, yet He respects
All those that lowly be;
Whereas the proud and lofty ones
Afar off knoweth He.

4 Those that are broken in their heart,
And grievéd in their minds,
He healeth, and their painful wounds
He tenderly upbinds.

Scotch Version.

PRIDE goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

2 For whosoever exalteth himself, shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted.

8 Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.

4 Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

5 A high look and a proud heart, and the ploughing of the wicked, is sin.

6 A man's pride shall bring him low; but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit.

7 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves to the elder. Yea, all of you be subject, one to another, and be ye clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

8 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

9 By humility and the fear of the LORD, are riches, and honor, and life.

10 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts.

11 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think: but to think soberly.

12 The King spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom, by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?

13 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.

14 Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind, let each esteem other better than themselves. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

15 LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

16 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool, than of him.

17 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty; and before honor is humility.

18 Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

19 Whosoever shall humble himself, as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

20 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart.

Prayer.—Lesson XXXIV.

O LORD, Thou who art our ever-adorable and merciful Saviour, we come before Thee to worship, to praise, and to bless Thy holy name. Grant that the offerings we now present may come up before Thee as an acceptable gift.

We confess, O Jesus, we are not worthy to approach Thee. We are sinners; Thou art the pure and holy One. Our lives have been made up of a series of sins; there has been a constant cleaving of defilement to our souls, and even that which was partially good, how mixed with imperfection, self-seeking arrogance, and vain glory! We did not follow Thee in Thy instructions and example, as our Teacher, Guide and Friend.

O, when we behold Thee, Thou High and Lofty One, condescending to take upon Thyself our human nature, to be clothed with humility, stooping to serve even the poorest of the poor, we are bowed with shame and confusion of face!

We pray Thee, O Jesus, to fill us with a just appreciation of Thy greatness, and to give us an humbling estimate of our own nothingness.

Oh! how shall we present ourselves before Thee, before whom the angels do veil their faces, and in whose sight the heavens are not clean. Give us, we pray Thee, the influences of Thy Holy Ghost, to teach us to repress every proud and haughty spirit, and let us feel that we are unclean and vile in Thy sight; that we have no righteousness of our own with which we can appear acceptably before Thee. A broken and a contrite spirit, Thou, O Lord, wilt not despise.

We pray Thee to sanctify our hearts by Thy grace; fill them with the spirit of meekness and humility. Engrave upon them Thine own blessed [illegible]ge: they are Thy purchase, they are Thy property. O, take them by [illegible]y power, and set up therein Thy throne, that we may bring forth the [illegible]ceable fruits of righteousness, humility and holiness.

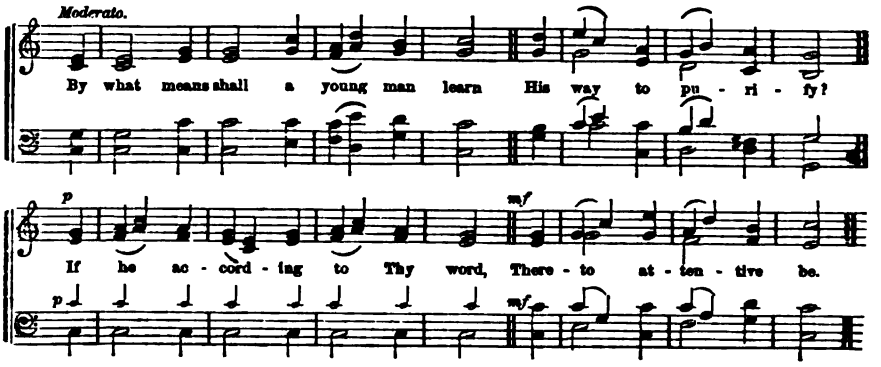
Make us to be meek and lowly in heart. May nothing be done through [illegible]trife or vain glory, but in lowliness of heart may each esteem other better than himself. Let this mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus.

O help us, Lord, to look away from ourselves, and to look to Jesus continually; to rely on His grace, His power and His Spirit. May we every moment of our lives realize our dependence upon Thee, O God; that we are pensioners upon Thy divine bounty; that we have nothing whereof to boast, but much to call forth praise and thanksgiving to Thee, the bountiful Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Be with us, O Lord, in all the pursuits and engagements of this day May an abiding sense of Thy presence and grace cheer our spirits, and strengthen our hearts, and guard our consciences, and to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be ascribed all praise and blessing now and evermore. Amen.

Francis Wolle.

Holiness Enjoined by **CHIMES. C. M.** *Christ our Teacher.*



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BY what means shall a young man learn
His way to purify?
If he according to Thy word
Thereto attentive be.

2 Unfeignedly Thee have I sought
With all my soul and heart:
O let me not from the right path
Of Thy commands depart.

3 Thy word I in my heart have hid,
That I offend not Thee.
O Lord, Thou ever blessed art;
Thy statutes teach Thou me.

4 The judgments of Thy mouth each one
My lips declared have:
More joy Thy testimonies' way
Than riches all me gave.

Scotch Version.

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NOR eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard,
Nor sense nor reason known,
What joys the Father has prepared
For those that love His Son.

2 But the good Spirit of the Lord
Reveals a heaven to come;
The beams of glory in His word
Allure and guide us home.

3 Pure are the joys above the sky,
And all the region peace;
No wanton lips, nor envious eye
Can see or taste the bliss.

4 Those holy gates forever bar
Pollution, sin, and shame;
None shall obtain admittance there,
But followers of the Lamb.

Watts.

SPEAK unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy; for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

2 There is none holy as the LORD; for there is none besides thee.

3 Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with thee.

4 Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

5 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

6 Thou art of purer eyes, than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.

7 Let not sin, therefore, reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin.

8 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

9 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

10 Pure religion, and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

11 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

12 Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil-doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

13 Seeing, then, that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation, and godliness.

14 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

15 I pray, not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

19 And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Prayer.—Lesson XXXV.

O GOD, Thou art glorious in Thy holiness, and dost desire all those to be holy who worship Thee on earth, or who dwell with Thee in heaven. But we are sinful. We have broken Thy just and holy law; we have especially failed to love Thee as we ought, and our hearts are so defiled by the pollution, and so bound by the power of sin, that we are unfit to approach Thy throne of grace on earth or Thy throne of glory in heaven. But we rejoice that, as Thou hast offered us a free pardon for our sins, through the mercy of Jesus, so Thou dost offer us the help of Thy Holy Spirit, to enable us to resist temptation and to conquer sin.

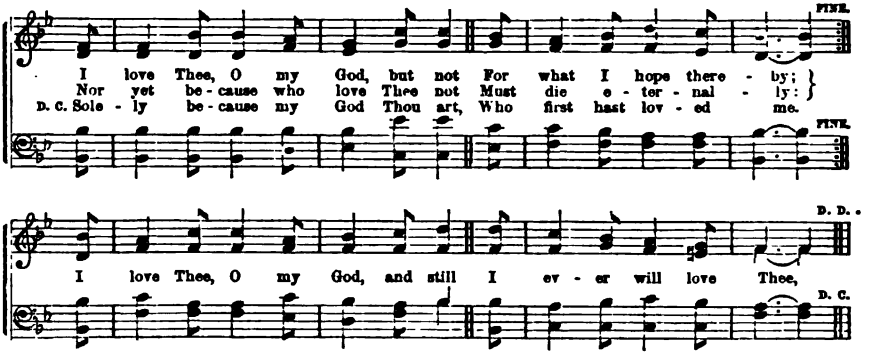
We thank Thee for those exceeding great and precious promises given to us in Thy holy Word, that we may escape the corruption that is in the world, and be made partakers of the divine nature. And we rejoice at the remembrance of Thy holiness, and humbly hope that Thy likeness may at last be found in us. Since Thou dost set before us the hope of one day seeing Jesus, and being like Him, help us to purify ourselves even as He is pure. May Thy Holy Spirit help us daily to walk even as He walked in meekness, and gentleness, and purity, and love. Like Him, may we delight to do Thy will, O God, and like Him, may we ever cheerfully bear Thy will even when it appoints us to suffering and to shame.

Show us the evil of sin, that we may hate it. Show us the beauty of holiness, that we may love it. May the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, so that men may see that we have been with Jesus, and have learned of Him. May we hide Thy Word in our hearts, that we may not sin against Thee.

Help us, this day, to live in such a manner as will please Thee, O God. Help us not only to avoid wicked conduct, but also to keep our tongues from evil, to hate vain thoughts, and to check every sinful temper and impulse. Help us, every day to be loving and trustful toward God, and just, and true, and kind among men. Make us faithful in little things, and whatsoever we may do in word or deed, may we do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And may our path be one of daily progress in all that is good, shining more and more unto the perfect day. May we be the better for all we enjoy and for all we suffer, and may every change in this changing life bring us nearer to Thee, and better fit us for a pure and holy heaven, to which we humbly beg Thee to bring us in Thine own good time, through thy mercy and grace in Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

J. H. Nixon.



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I LOVE Thee, O my God, but not
For what I hope thereby;
Nor yet because who love Thee not,
Must die eternally:
I love Thee, O my God, and still
I ever will love Thee,
Solely because my God Thou art
Who first hast lovéd me.

2 For me, to lowest depths of woe
Thou didst Thyself abase;
For me didst bear the cross, the shame,
And manifold disgrace;
For me didst suffer pains unknown,
Blood-sweat and agony,
Yea, death itself—all, all for me,
For me, Thine enemy.

3 Then shall I not, O Saviour mine!
Shall I not love Thee well?
Not with the hope of winning heaven,
Nor of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of earning aught,
Nor seeking a reward,
But freely, fully, as Thyself
Hast lovéd me, O Lord!

Xavier.

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I SEE the crowd in Pilate's hall,
I mark their wrathful mien;
Their shouts of "crucify," appal,
With blasphemy between.
And of that shouting multitude
I feel that I am one;
And in that din of voices rude,
I recognize my own.

2 I see the scourges tear his back,
I see the piercing crown,
And of that crowd who smite and mock,
I feel that I am one.
Around yon cross the throng I see,
Mocking the Sufferer's groan;
Yet still my voice it seems to be,
As if I mocked alone.

3 'Twas I that shed the sacred blood;
I nailed Him to the tree;
I crucified the Christ of God,
I joined the mockery!
Yet not the less that blood avails
To cleanse away my sin!
And not the less that cross prevails
To give me peace within!

Horatius Bonar.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe: all things are possible to him that believeth.

3 Trust ye in the LORD forever; for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

4 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

5 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

7 By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

8 They that trust in the LORD shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.

9 Blessed is she that believed, for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

10 He, therefore, that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

11 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

12 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. They which are of faith, the same are children of faithful Abraham.

13 Jesus answering, saith unto them, Have faith in God.

14 Jesus said to her, Daughter be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole: go in peace.

15 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

16 And, being fully persuaded, that what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

17 Who is among you that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

Prayer.—Lesson XXXVI.

O GOD, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen, nor can see. We come to Thee in our blindness, the blindness of nature, sin, and unbelief, and humbly ask for the healing touch of Thy hand, that our sight may be restored, that we may see Thee by faith, and hold fellowship with Thee, and with Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen, were not made of things which do appear. Thine eternal power and Godhead are revealed by the visible creation, so that, for our unbelief, and the worldliness and deadness that come of it, we are without excuse. Though blind, we have seen Thee, as dim light, in the world beneath, about and above us; and had we loved the light, our souls had long ago turned towards Thee, and Thy glory had been revealed unto us as the full light of the sun. But we have loved darkness rather than light, because our deeds were evil. To-day we come to crave Thy forgiveness, and Thy grace, that we may see, not only the light of Thy wisdom in creation, but the clearer light of Thy love in salvation.

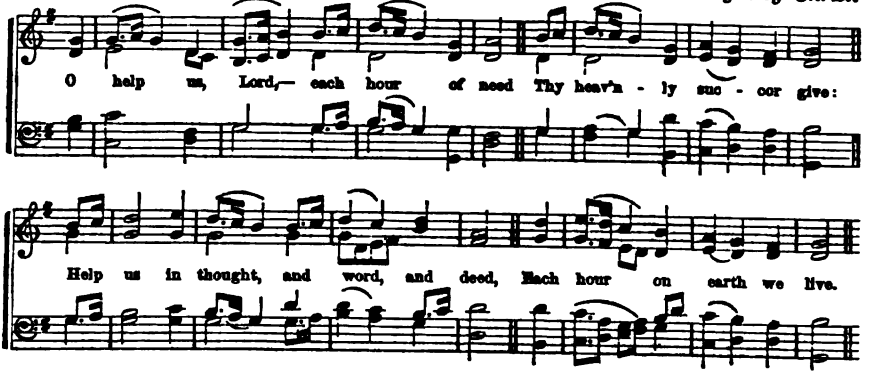
O Lord, increase our faith, that we may no longer look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen. These only are eternal. All else is temporal and fleeting. Open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. Help our unbelief, that we may see Jesus, and rest in Him. Help us to cast our sins on Him as our Redeemer, with a true and saving faith, and find pardon; to cast our chains at His feet and find freedom; to cast our griefs into the bottomless sea of His love, and find perfect and abiding peace.

Increase our faith, that we may hold Thy promises with a firm grasp; that we may plead them with child-like confidence; that sin may not have dominion over us; that we may be as Mt. Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. May our faith grow daily in clearness, breadth, strength and steadiness, for the honor of Thy name and the good of mankind.

These our needs we present before Thee, the Helper of the needy. These Thy promises we plead before Thee, the Faithful and True. And for all Thy grace, we will, through Thy dear Son, render Thee praise and love, who art the one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

J. H. Vincent.

Obedience to the Law of **ST. MARTINS. C. M.** *God Taught by Christ.*



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O HELP us, Lord,—each hour of need
Thy heavenly succor give;
Help us in thought, and word, and deed,
Each hour on earth we live.

2 O help us when our spirits bleed,
With contrite anguish sore;
And when our hearts are cold indeed,
O help us, Lord, the more.

3 O help us, through the prayer of faith,
More firmly to believe,
For still the more the servant hath,
The more shall he receive.

4 O help us, Saviour, from on high,
We know no help but Thee;
O help us, so to live and die
As Thine in heaven to be.

Millman.

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TEACH me, O Lord, the perfect way
Of Thy precepts divine,
And to observe it to the end,
I shall my heart incline.

2 Give understanding unto me,
So keep Thy law shall I;
Yea, then with my whole heart I shall
Observe it carefully.

3 In Thy law's path make me to go;
For I delight therein.
My heart unto Thy precepts pure,
And not to greed incline.

4 Turn Thou away my sight and eyes
From viewing vanity;
And in Thy good and holy way,
Be pleased to quicken me.

Scotch Version.

WHAT doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

2 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

3 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

4 And Jesus answering, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.

5 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

6 It shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

7 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates, into the city.

8 For God is not unrighteous, to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name.

9 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

10 Thou shalt keep, therefore, his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee and with thy children after thee.

11 Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

12 Thus did Noah, according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

13 Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

14 Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

15 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought, to the obedience of Christ.

16 If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love; even as I kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

17 Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

18 For the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, to the resurrection of life: and they that have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation.

Prayer.—Lesson XXXVII.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, enable us to draw near Thy throne of grace and mercy, with becoming reverence. In the spirit of true worshippers may we ascribe unto Thee all blessedness, and for ourselves make humble supplication for the things we need, with thankful acknowledgment of all Thy mercies, and penitent confession of our sins.

Thou hast been good to us in times and ways without number, but we have been disobedient and ungrateful, and are unworthy of the least of all Thou hast done for us. May Thy goodness lead us to repentance, and, assured of Thy mercy in Christ, may we all, with grief and hatred of our sins, turn from them unto Thee with a full purpose of, and an earnest endeavor after a new obedience. O let the strength of Christ be made perfect in our weakness. Through His blessed grace alone dare we hope to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He hath commanded us.

Renew our wills, purify our affections, quicken our zeal, elevate our desires to those things which are above, and ennoble all our aims and pursuits in this life, by consecrating us wholly to Thy service, so that whatsoever we do may be done for the glory of God.

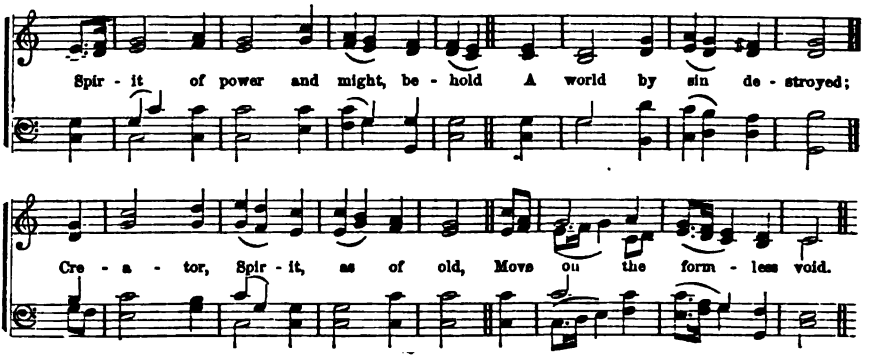
Suffer us not to be led astray by the devices of Satan or the desires of our own hearts, but laying aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, let us run with steadfast endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus for our help.

Show us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the path of duty, and may we not turn from it on account of either its danger or its toil. Thou hast promised to be our shield and defence, so shall we fear no evil; and we know that if we are faithful unto the end, we shall enter into the blessed and eternal rest which remaineth for the people of God, and which shall be an abundant recompense of reward for all we have suffered and done here in Thy service. May the same mind be in us that was in the Lord Jesus, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God. And as each hour brings with it new duties and trials, so may we continually have increase of grace, go from strength to strength, and experience more and more the joy of the Holy Ghost.

We ask Thy blessing upon all for whom we should pray. Have in Thy holy keeping our companions, friends, and relatives. Give us all the same hope in Christ, the same diligence in His service, and at last receive us into the same kingdom of glory.

All of which we ask in the name of the Lord Jesus, to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all the praise. Amen.

William C. Cattell.



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SPIRIT of power and might, behold
A world by sin destroyed;
Creator, Spirit, as of old,
Move on the formless void.

2 Give Thou the word; that healing sound
Shall quell the deadly strife,
And earth again, like Eden crown'd,
Produce the tree of life.

3 If sang the morning stars for joy,
When nature rose to view,
What strains will angel harps employ
When Thou shalt all renew!

4 And if the sons of God rejoice
To hear a Saviour's name,
How will the ransomed raise their voice
To whom that Saviour came!

5 Lo! every kindred, tongue, and tribe,
Assembling round the throne,
Thy new creation shall ascribe
To sovereign love alone.

Montgomery.

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ETERNAL Spirit, God of truth,
Our contrite hearts inspire;
Revive the flame of heavenly love,
And feed the pure desire.

2 'Tis Thine to soothe the sorrowing mind,
With guilt and fear oppressed;
'Tis Thine to bid the dying live,
And give the weary rest.

3 Subdue the power of every sin,
Whate'er that sin may be,
That we, with humble, holy heart,
May worship only Thee.

4 Then with our spirits, witness bear
That we are sons of God,
Redeemed from sin, from death and hell,
Through Christ's atoning blood.

Unknown.

DOXOLOGY.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To God whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

IF ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

2 According to the word that I covenanted with you, when ye came out of Egypt, so my Spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

3 It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.

4 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which he shed on us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

5 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God.

6 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

7 As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

8 When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth, for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will show you things to come.

9 The earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

10 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

11 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

12 The Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour, what ye ought to say.

13 The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Prayer.—Lesson XXXVIII.

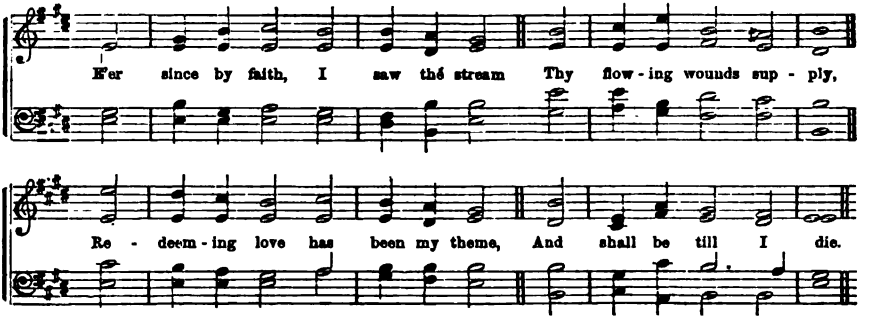
OUR FATHER in Heaven, we call upon Thee in the name of Thy Son, our Saviour, who ever liveth at Thy right hand to intercede for us; and, remembering that the Spirit of Truth proceedeth from Thee, first to the Mediator himself, and then from Him to us; to comfort, enlighten and guide us, in His personal absence; we beseech Thee that this Holy Spirit may so come to us, on this occasion, full of Thine own love, and full of Christ's love, and full of its own love, to shed this love abroad within our hearts, redeeming us from sin, shame and sorrow, glorifying our nature with the restored perfection of Thine own image, qualifying us for all usefulness in the life that now is, and preparing us for happiness, complete and everlasting, in the better life to come.

O, Thou ever-blessed Lord our God! We confess that it is only in Thee, we live, and move, and have our being, naturally; and we know that so it must be, and desire that so it may be, spiritually: that every one of us may be quickened into a new and Divine life, and be sustained, day and night, in the due enjoyment and manifestation of this life, by the continued presence and power, and sanctifying and saving favor, of the same Spirit of holiness.

Create within us clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us; but, when this is done, and we are so far conformed to Thy likeness and made accordant with Thy will, still take not Thy Holy Spirit from us, or we shall again fall into sin, forget that Thy grace was ever conferred upon us, and at last come short of our proper destiny. Not one moment, O, Father Almighty! not one moment can we safely support ourselves.

But, Thou knowest us, O Lord; Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and endureth forever; and our trust is in Thee. Thou hast promised Thy Spirit unto us; Thou art faithful to Thy promises; and so long as we live, we will rest in the assurance of Thy remembrance of us. Whether our appointed time be long or short; and in whatever positions and relations, in whatever obligations and responsibilities Thou shalt please to employ us, we will always humbly look to Thee for Thy blessing, disclaiming all self-sufficiency, and depending entirely on the ever-present fulness and instantaneous supplies of the Spirit of our Saviour and our God, to whom be all praise and power, all glory and dominion, now, henceforth, and forever. Amen.

T. H. Stockton.



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E'ER since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

2 Then, in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save,
When this poor, lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave.

3 Lord, I believe Thou hast prepared
(Unworthy though I be,)
For me a blood-bought, free reward,
A golden harp for me!

4 'Tis strung and tuned for endless years;
And formed by power divine,
To sound in God the Father's ears
No other name but Thine.

Cowper.

80

HE was no foe that me reproach'd,
Then that endure I could;
Nor hater that did 'gainst me boast,
From Him me hide I would.

2 But thou, man, who mine equal, guide,
And mine acquaintance wast;
We join'd sweet counsels, to God's house
In company we pass'd.

3 False witnesses rose; to my charge
Things I not knew they laid.
They, to the spoiling of my soul,
Me ill for good repaid.

4 For peace they do not speak at all,
But crafty plots prepare
Against all those within the land
That meek and quiet are.

Scotch Version.

BEHOLD there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias;

2 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease, which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

3 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD, and against his anointed.

4 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were gathered together:

5 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

6 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, he riseth from supper.

7 The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed.

8 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

9 And said unto them, What will ye give me and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them, in the absence of the multitude.

10 And he that betrayed him, had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: take him, and lead him away safely.

11 And when they had bound him, they led him away and delivered him to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

12 And straightway in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away and delivered him to Pilate.

13 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute unto Cæsar, saying that he himself is Christ, a king.

14 But he held his peace and answered nothing. Again the High Priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am.

15 Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering, said unto him, Thou sayest it.

16 The High Priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy: what further need have we of witnesses?

17 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

18 They that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath day, have fulfilled them in condemning him.

Prayer.—Lesson XL.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before Thee, and meekly beseech Thee regard the voice of our supplication. Thou art our Creator and Preserver, for we are the creatures of Thy hand; and in Thee do we live and move and have our being.

We praise Thee, O Lord, that Thou art also our glorious Redeemer. In the day of man's sinfulness and helplessness, Thou didst look upon Him in compassion; and when none could give a ransom for his soul, Thou didst lay help upon One who is mighty, even upon Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

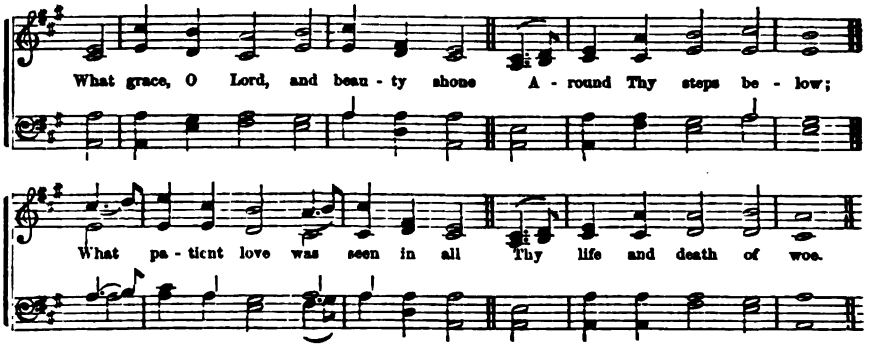
Though Thou didst make man but little lower than the angels, all flesh has corrupted its way upon earth; and the whole world is guilty before God. O, hadst Thou not revealed Him, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, our race must have been estranged from Thee forever, and all men have had their portion in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. Thou didst indeed commend Thy love unto us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Lord, suffer us not to be ashamed of Him, who, though He was the brightness of the Father's glory, and thought it not robbery to be equal with God, yet for our sakes humbled Himself; and was not ashamed to take upon Him the semblance of sinful flesh. God forbid that we should ever glory, save in the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O, Father, who didst enable Thy Son to witness a good profession before hostile rulers, and didst ever proclaim Him Thy beloved Son, in whom Thou art well pleased, grant that when we are tried we may be found blameless through Him.

And as we pray to become like Him, teach us to know what it is that we pray for, how much of love and earnestness and self-denial is required to fashion us after His likeness; what efforts are needed every day and every hour to secure a victory like His, a perfect triumph over self and all the terrors and flatteries of men. Help us to consider that when we yield to sinful solicitations and transgress Thy laws, we not only wrong our own souls, but make of none effect the sufferings of our blessed Saviour, and crucify Him afresh, and account His blood as an unholy thing.

Help us now, we pray Thee, to receive Jesus as the High Priest of our profession. May we look upon Him as offering Himself a sacrifice for us, to reconcile us to God; and as ever living to make intercession for His chosen people. O Lord, convince us that forgiveness is granted only for His sake: there being no other name given among men whereby we must be saved. Hear us in these our requests, we pray Thee; and when Jesus shall come in the clouds of heaven, no more to submit to the contempt and mockeries of men, but to take the kingdom and to reign, may we be counted worthy to appear with Him, and be forever with our Lord. And Thine shall be the praise, world without end. Amen. *James Colder.*



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WHAT grace, O Lord, and beauty shone
Around Thy steps below;
What patient love was seen in all
Thy life and death of woe.

2 For, ever on Thy burdened heart
A weight of sorrow hung;
Yet no ungentle, murmuring word
Escaped Thy silent tongue.

3 Thy foes might hate, despise, revile,
Thy friends unfaithful prove;
Unwearied in forgiveness still,
Thy heart could only love.

4 Oh, give us hearts to love like Thee!
Like Thee, O Lord, to grieve
Far more for others' sins, than all
The wrongs that we receive.

Unknown.

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WITH mouths set wide, they 'gainst me said,
Ha, ha, our eye doth see.
Lord, thou hast seen, hold not Thy peace:
Lord, be not far from me.

2 They also bitter gall did give
Unto me for my meat:
They gave me vinegar to drink,
When as my thirst was great.

3 To Thee is my reproach well known,
My shame, and my disgrace:
Those that mine adversaries be,
Are all before Thy face.

4 Reproach hath broke my heart; I'm full
Of grief: I look'd for one
To pity me, but none I found;
Comforters found I none.

Scotch Version.

AND so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

2 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

3 And some began to spit on him and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy; and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

4 And when they had blindfolded him they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote thee?

5 And Herod and his men of war set him at naught, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

6 And he, bearing his cross, went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha:

7 Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

8 And one of the malefactors which were hanged, railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

9 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

10 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

11 And a superscription, also, was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, "*This is the King of the Jews.*"

12 And the soldiers, also, mocked him, coming to him and offering him vinegar.

13 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads.

14 And the people stood beholding, and the rulers, also, with them, derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

15 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth till the ninth hour.

16 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

17 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment and cast lots.

18 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit; and having thus said, he gave up the ghost.

Prayer.—Lesson XLI.

O MOST gracious and exalted Saviour, who art seated upon the throne of heaven, we bless Thee that Thou didst come into our sinful world, taking upon Thyself a human body, and appearing in form like a servant, that Thou mightest bear our sins and redeem our souls from death.

We bless Thee that Thou didst consent to be scorned and smitten; that Thou didst submit to the cross of shame and agony, taking the sinner's place and drinking the cup of woe for us. We praise Thee that Thou didst complete the great sacrifice; and that now, pardon and peace in Thy name are freely offered to all.

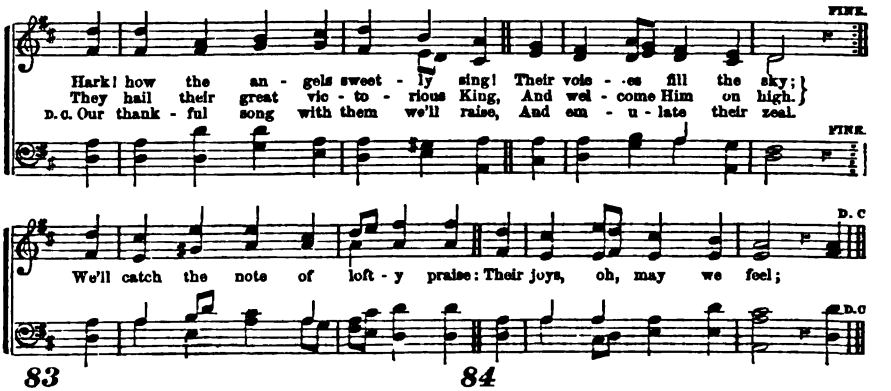
Do Thou make us penitent for the transgressions which were laid on Thee. May our hearts be filled with love and gratitude, as we gaze at Thy cross. Give us an abiding trust in Thee as the Friend of sinners, and the only Saviour. May the remembrance of Thy sufferings in our behalf keep us back from every evil way.

Help us evermore to make our daily lives, like Thine, holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sin. Let no wicked purpose, or passion, or disposition, have dominion over us. Be Thou our teacher, that we may learn the words of Eternal Life from Thee. Be Thou our example, that in following Thee we may deny ourselves and seek our happiness in doing good. Let us never be ashamed of the truth, ashamed of duty, or ashamed of Thee. Enlarge our minds, increase our knowledge, correct our understandings, and purify our hearts, that we may use all our faculties for the glory of God, and the good of man.

Let no evil thoughts dwell within us, no selfish desires control our conduct, no unseemly word pass our lips. Make us firm in our purpose always to do right, faithful to our friends, conscientious in word and deed, blameless in deportment, patient under difficulties, watchful against temptations, fearing God and serving Him with cheerful hearts in all things.

And for all these blessings, O most gracious Saviour, we will ascribe glory and thanksgiving to Thy great and precious name forever. Amen.

Daniel March.



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HARK, how the angels sweetly sing!
Their voices fill the sky:
They hail their great, victorious King,
And welcome Him on high.

2 We'll catch the note of lofty praise:
Their joys, O, may we feel;
Our thankful song with them we'll raise,
And emulate their zeal.

3 Come then, ye saints, and grateful sing
Of Christ, our risen Lord;
Of Christ, the everlasting King;
Of Christ, th' incarnate Word.

4 Hail, mighty Saviour! Thee we hail,
High on Thy throne above;
Till heart and flesh together fail,
We'll sing Thy matchless love.

Kelly.

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THOU hast, O Lord, most glorious,
Ascended up on high;
And in triumph victorious led
Captive captivity.

2 Thou hast received gifts for men,
For such as did rebel;
Yea, ev'n for them, that God the Lord
In midst of them might dwell.

3 Bless'd be the Lord, who is to us
Of our salvation, God;
Who daily with His benefits
Us plenteously doth load.

4 He of salvation is the God,
Who is our God most strong;
And unto God the Lord from death
The issues do belong.

Scotch Version.

THEN came the soldiers and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.

2 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers, with a spear, pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

3 And after this, Joseph, of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came, therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

4 And he bought fine linen, and took him down and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre, which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone to the door of the sepulchre. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

5 And behold there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

6 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene, early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

7 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre, and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

8 In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, to see the sepulchre.

9 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping, and as she wept she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre;

10 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

11 And the angel answered, and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified.

12 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

13 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment: and they were affrighted.

14 And he saith unto them, Be not af frighted: ye seek Jesus, of Nazareth, which was crucified; he is risen; he is not here behold the place where they laid him.

15 He is not here, but is risen; remember how he spake unto you,

16 Saying, The Son of Man must be deli vered into the hands of sinful men, and be cru cified, and the third day rise again.

Prayer.—Lesson XLII.

O THOU eternal and ever-blessed God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; in Thy favor is life, Thy loving-kindness is better than life; enjoying Thy grace we are blessed. We come to Thee in the name of our adorable Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

In ourselves guilty, we come to Thee for pardon; in ourselves unworthy, we turn to Thee who art infinitely worthy. We thank Thee, blessed Jesus, that Thou didst so freely give Thyself a ransom for us, that we might not perish, but have eternal life. O may we feel Thy pardoning and reconciling love. May Thy precious blood and righteousness be to us a "glorious dress," arrayed in which, we may ever stand fearless and undismayed.

May we feel Thy preciousness as a Saviour, supplying all the wants and weaknesses of our sinful and tempted nature. May we lean upon Thee, and feel our dependence on Thee, and seek all our happiness in Thy service.

O Lord, we rejoice to remember that the grave has been sanctified by Thee; we rejoice in Thy glorious resurrection, and that in thought we may visit Thy vacant sepulchre and there hear the glad tidings, "He is not here, He is risen." O may that blessed pledge and earnest of our resurrection from the power of the grave, comfort us, and be our bright hope in a world of sorrow and bereavement.

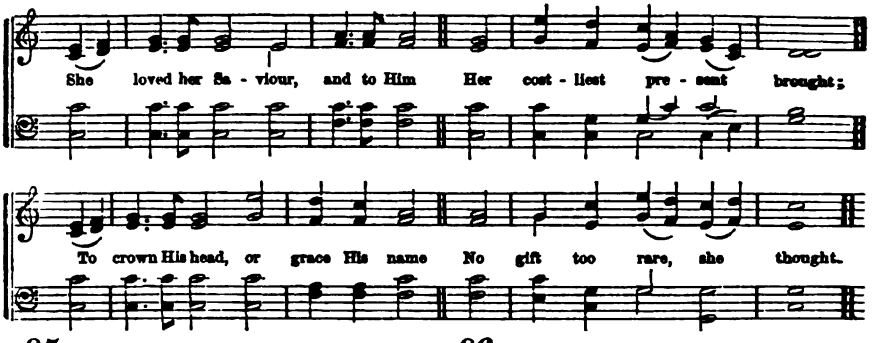
O Thou Prince of Life and Glory, because Thou livest we shall live also. We pray that our life may now be hid with Christ in God, so that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we may also appear with Him in glory.

Adorable Saviour! teach us the matchless glories of Thy redeeming love, bring us more under its constraining influence, and incline us to give ourselves wholly to Thee, and thus let our hearts be temples in which Thy Holy Spirit dwells.

Grant us these, and all other blessings we need, through the riches of Thy grace, and for the sake of Thy meritorious death. Amen.

Joseph H. Kummer.

The Ministration of **HEBER. C. M.** *Woman to the Saviour.*



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SHE loved her Saviour, and to Him
Her costliest present brought:
To crown His head, or grace His name
No gift too rare, she thought.

2 So let the Saviour be adored,
And not the poor despised:
Give to the hungry from your board,
But all, give all to Christ.

3 Go clothe the naked, lead the blind,
Give to the weary rest;
For sorrow's children comfort find,
And help for all distressed;—

4 But give to Christ alone thy heart,
Thy faith, thy love supreme;
Then for His sake thine alms impart,
And so give all to Him.

Ch. Mirror.

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AS once the Saviour took His seat,—
Attracted by His fame,
And lowly bending at His feet
An humble suppliant came.

2 Ashamed to lift her streaming eyes
His holy glance to meet,
She poured her costly sacrifice
Upon the Saviour's feet.

3 Oppressed with sin and sorrow's weight,
And sinking in despair,
With tears she washed His sacred feet,
And wiped them with her hair.

4 "Depart in peace," the Saviour said,
"Thy sins are all forgiven!"
The trembling sinner raised her head
In peaceful hope of heaven.

Mrs. Brown.

AND it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God; and the twelve were with him.

2 And certain women which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils.

3 And Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward; and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

4 And being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman, having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard, very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

5 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

6 And Jesus said, Let her alone: why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me.

7 Verily, I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached, throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done, shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

8 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him.

9 When she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary, her sister, secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

10 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came unto him.

11 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

12 There were also women looking on afar off, among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less, and of Joses, and Salome;

13 Who also when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him; and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

14 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses, beheld where he was laid.

15 And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

16 And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre, at the rising of the sun.

17 Now when Jesus was risen, early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, and she went and told them that had been with him.

Prayer.—Lesson XLIII.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

Thine own image, in which we were created, male and female, though marred and lost by our fall, Thou hast deigned, with infinite love and mercy, to restore.

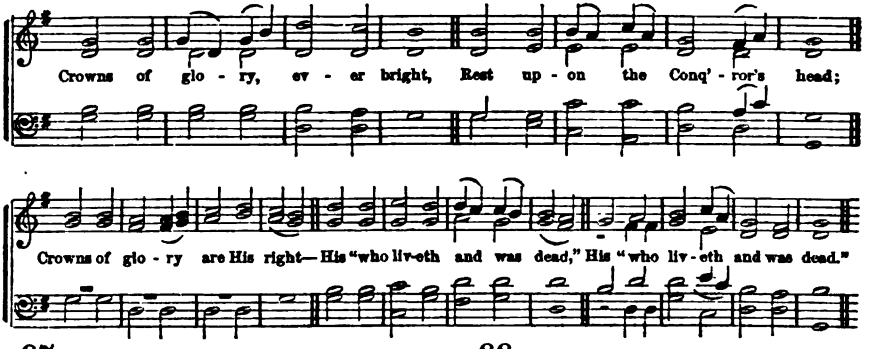
We that are born of woman, are born to guilt, and misery, and death, ever since that first transgression, in which woman was deceived by Satan. We are all a seed of evil-doers; we fade as a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind, have taken us away. But Thou hast pitied us, and sent Thy Son to save us,—made of a woman, and made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Thanks be to Thee, that we are all the children of God, by faith in Christ Jesus; that mothers, and sisters, and daughters, share pre-eminently the great salvation; and that in putting on Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female,—but all are one in Christ Jesus.

Our Father in heaven, we beg in the name of Jesus, that Thy Holy Spirit would enable us to receive from Him the forgiveness of sins, and find in Him righteousness and strength. And being forgiven much, may we love much, and prove the sincerity of our love by keeping His commandments,—cheerfully taking His yoke upon us, which is easy, and His burden which is light. We would serve Him as Martha did, with solicitude, and care for temporal duties; we would serve Him especially as Mary did, in choosing for ourselves individually, that good part which shall not be taken away from us,—that personal interest in His justifying merit, without which all other serving is care and trouble in vain.

Open our hearts continually, as Thou didst the heart of Lydia, to receive the ingrafted word, and to value aright the things which belong to our peace. And make us faithful and zealous in our devotion to Christ, like the women who were last at the cross and first at the sepulchre, coming with ointment and spices, and early visits, to signalize their attachment to Jesus; may we feel, that no sacrifice is too costly, and no self-denial too painful, in doing honor to a crucified and risen Redeemer. Like Phebe, a servant of the church, and Dorcas, who adorned it with her charities, may our ministration to the Saviour, be that of good works, done in faith and love, unto the glory and praise of God, in Him. Amen.

Alexander T. McGill.



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CROWNS of glory, ever bright,
Rest upon the Conqueror's head,
Crowns of glory are His right,—
His, "who liveth and was dead."

2 He subdued the powers of hell;
In the fight He stood alone:
All His foes before Him fell,
By His single arm o'erthrown.

3 His the battle, His the toil;
His the honors of the day;
His the glory and the spoil:
Jesus bears them all away.

4 Now proclaim His deeds afar;
Fill the world with His renown:
His alone the victor's car;
His the everlasting crown!

Kelly.

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CHRIST, the Lord, is risen to-day!
Sons of men and angels say!
Raise your joys and triumphs high!
Sing, ye heavens,—and earth reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done—
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo! the sun's eclipse is o'er:
Lo! he sets in blood no more.

3 Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death! is now thy sting?
Once He died, our souls to save:
Where's thy victory, boasting grave?

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now,
Hail! the Resurrection—Thou!

Madan's Col.

AND certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said; but him they saw not.

2 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw and believed.

3 And the angel answered, and said, Go quickly and tell his disciples, that he is risen from the dead; and behold, he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him.

4 Now when Jesus was risen, early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene.

5 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father.

6 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

7 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren, that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

8 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked and went into the country.

9 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, came Jesus, and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

10 And when he had so said, he showed to them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

11 After eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

12 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing.

13 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples, at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise showed he himself.

14 Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly:

15 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

16 After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

17 After that he was seen of James; then of all the apostles: and last of all, he was seen of me also.

Prayer.—Lesson XLIV.

O THOU who wast dead and art alive, and livest forevermore, and hast the keys of hell and of death, we adore Thee as the resurrection and the life, the conqueror of death for all them that shall be Thine at Thy coming. Thou hadst life in Thyself, and didst lay it down that Thou mightest take it again, that by Thy holy and voluntary sacrifice, Thou mightest redeem Thy people from the pains of the second death, and make them kings and priests unto God, and partakers of Thy heavenly glory.

O holy and divine Redeemer, we adore Thee that Thou couldest not be held under the power of death, but after enduring humiliation and the ignominy of the cross, Thou didst burst the bars of the tomb, and by Thy triumphant resurrection declare Thyself to be the Son of God with power.

We thank Thee that Thou hast given assurance to Thy people, that the work of redemption is finished, and that life and immortality are brought to light; and that it has pleased Thee in order to confirm the feeble faith of Thy disciples, to appear, after Thy passion and burial, to chosen witnesses as alive from the dead. Thus hast Thou confirmed the gospel of Thy grace, to be proclaimed to all people, that for this end Thou didst die, and rise, and revive, that Thou mightest be Lord both of the dead and living.

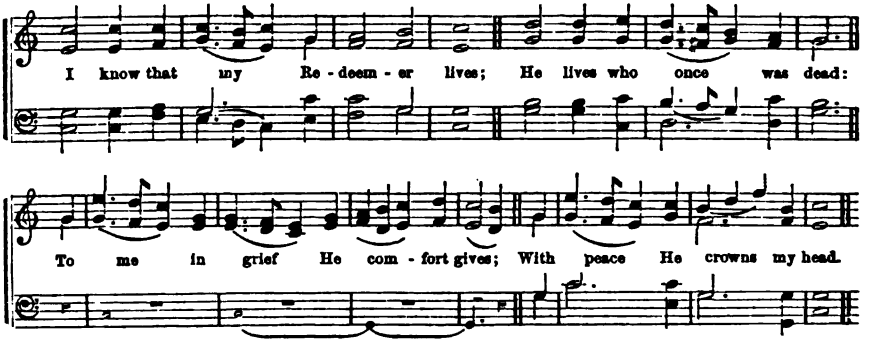
May we, Thy unworthy servants, be strengthened and comforted by the assurance that by Thy triumph, death has been despoiled of his sting, and the grave of its victory; and after all the pains and toils of this life shall have passed away, we shall have rest with Thee, and be made partakers of the first resurrection. Elevate our thoughts above the things that are seen and temporal, and fix them on those which are unseen and eternal. Forbid that our affections should be seduced by the pleasures or honors of this world, or our thoughts diverted from the realities of the future. With Thy people may we rejoice in Him who hath said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and he that liveth and believeth in me, shall never die."

O most merciful God and Saviour, may thoughtless sinners who are indifferent to the concerns of their souls, be deeply impressed by the contemplation of the death and resurrection of the Lord, and be induced to seek a fellowship in His sufferings, that they may be made partakers of His glory. May they hear the voice of the Son of God, calling them to rise from their sleep, that He may give them life; and avert from them the fearful consequences of rejecting Him who died, the just for the unjust, that He might bring them to God. May they rejoice in the announcement, that Christ is risen indeed, and hath now ascended to the right hand of God, where He ever liveth to make intercession for His redeemed people.

Having this good hope through grace, we would praise and adore Thee, while we ascribe all power and glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Wm. M. Engles.

Ascension of Christ **HENRY. C. M.** *To Heaven.*



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I KNOW that my Redeemer lives;
He lives who once was dead:
To me in grief He comfort gives;
With peace He crowns my head.

2 He lives triumphant o'er the grave,
At God's right hand on high,
My ransomed soul to keep and save,
To bless and glorify.

3 He lives to fill my breast with love,
With joy my heart to feed;
He lives to plead for me above,
To succor me in need.

4 He lives that I may also live,
And now His grace proclaim:
He lives that I may honor give
To His most holy name.

Unknown.

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YE gates, lift up your heads on high;
Ye doors that last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
Of glory enter may.

2 But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this:
Ev'n that same Lord, that great in might
And strong in battle is.

3 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
Doors that do last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
Of glory enter may.

4 But who is He that is the King
Of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but He
The King of glory is.

Scotch Version.

THOU hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious, also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

2 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

3 And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted.

4 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

5 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead on the third day.

6 So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

7 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

8 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

9 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach.

10 Until the day in which he was taken up after that he, through the Holy Ghost, had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen.

11 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight.

12 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven, as he went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel.

13 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner, as ye have seen him go into heaven.

14 Whom the heaven must receive until the time of the restitution of all things, which God hath spoken.

15 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, forever sat down on the right hand of God.

16 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God, angels, and authorities, and powers, being made subject unto him.

17 If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

DOXOLOGY.

Let God the Father, and the Son,
And Spirit, be adored,
Where there are works to make Him known,
Or saints to love the Lord!

Prayer.—Lesson XLV.

ETERNAL and holy Father! we thank Thee for redemption,—that Thou didst so love our guilty world, as to give Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We bless Thee that Thou didst thus lay help on One who is mighty to save to the uttermost all that come unto Thee through Him. We thank Thee that divine justice is now satisfied—that Thou mayest be just, and the Justifier of him that believeth in Jesus.

Deeply affect all our hearts by a sense of Thy great love, in thus yielding up Thy dear Son to die for us, while we were yet sinners, ruined and lost,—that we may see and feel how great was the compassion of the dear Redeemer, in leaving the glory of heaven, to come down to dwell with sinful men; to become a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; to bear our sins in the garden and on the cross,—and all that we might not die; that by His stripes we might be healed.

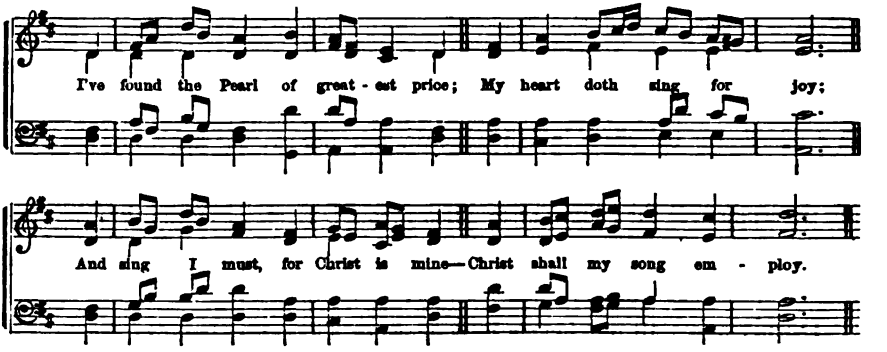
We bless Thee, divine Redeemer, that Thou didst shed Thy blood to wash away our vile sins; that Thou didst, for our sakes, enter the dark, dark grave, and burst the bands of death, so that now, through faith in Thy blessed name, when we come to die, we may sing: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ." May we now look up to Thee, as the risen Saviour,—the first fruits of them that sleep. And as Thou, by Thy mighty power, didst rise from the dead, so may we believe that we, if Thine, shall be made alive in Thee.

May we see Thee, now, exalted at the right hand of the Majesty on high; once, while on earth, our Elder Brother, our Prophet, our great High-Priest, yet touched with the feelings of our infirmities; now appearing in the presence of God for us, our Mediator before the throne. Present Thou us, divine Advocate, before the mercy-seat, not in our own righteousness, which is as filthy rags, but clad in the pure garments of Thine own.

Prepare for us, as Thou didst promise while here, a mansion in Thy Father's house; so that, when the earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dissolved, we may have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Then may we be with Thee where Thou art, and sing with all the ransomed by Thy blood, the sweet song of redeeming love. Not unto us, not unto us, but to Thy great name, shall all the glory be, world without end. Amen.

Cyrus S. Richards.

Jesus Christ our High Priest **WARWICK. C. M.** *to Atone and Intercede for us.*



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I'VE found the Pearl of greatest price;
My heart doth sing for joy.
And sing I must, for Christ is mine—
Christ shall my song employ.

2 Christ is my Prophet, Priest, and King;
My Prophet full of light;
My great High Priest before the throne;
My King of heavenly might.

3 For He, indeed, is Lord of lords,
And He the King of kings;
He is the Sun of Righteousness,
With healing in His wings.

4 Christ is my Peace: He died for me,
For me He gave His blood;
And, as my wondrous sacrifice,
Offered Himself to God.

Mason.

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LOOK Thou, O Lord, on him who lies
A suppliant at Thy feet;
And hearken to the feeblest cries
That reach Thy mercy-seat.

2 Between the cherubim of old
Thy glory was expressed;
But God, through Christ, we now behold
In flesh made manifest.

3 Touched with a feeling of our woes,
Jesus, our High Priest stands;
All our infirmities He knows,
Our souls are in His hands.

4 He bears them up with strength divine,
When at Thy feet we fall;
Lord, cause Thy face on us to shine;
Hear us,—on Thee we call.

Montgomery.

JESUS saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

2 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is risen again; who is even at the right hand of God; who also maketh intercession for us.

3 In whom we have boldness and access, with confidence by the faith of him.

4 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

5 Wherefore he is able, also, to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

6 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

7 If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the righteous.

8 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

9 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchisedek.

10 I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in my heart, and in my mind; and I will build him a sure house.

11 Wherefore, in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest, in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

12 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's; for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

13 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.

14 Seeing, then, that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 And having a high priest over the house of God, let us draw near, with a true heart and full assurance of faith.

16 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

17 Now of the things which we have spoken, this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

Prayer.—Lesson XLVI.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, Thou art the Creator of all worlds, and by Thee all things consist. Thou art the King of kings, and the Lord of lords; Thy dominion is over all Thy works, and Thy law is holy, just and good.

We praise Thee for Thy condescension and compassion towards our fallen race, and especially that Thou hast given us a Saviour, Christ Jesus, the Lord.

We acknowledge our need of a Saviour. With shame and with sorrow we confess unto Thee our sins, and we implore Thy mercy through our blessed Redeemer. In His name, and relying on His merits, we plead for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the washing away of all our transgressions.

We praise Thee for the restraining and directing influence of Christian friends, for means of intellectual and spiritual improvement, for the joys and blessings of life, for the operation of Thy Holy Spirit on our hearts, and for the hopes of a glorious immortality. All these blessings Thou hast given us through the mediation of our great High Priest, who has passed into the heavens, and has set down at Thy right hand: as He maketh intercession for us, may we be inspired with that faith which alone can overcome the world, and may we be transformed into His glorious image.

We pray for divine direction in all the duties of life. In our studies, and in our labors, in our associations, and in our hours of retirement, may Thy fear ever be before our eyes. Guard us amidst the temptations of an evil world, and give us strength to resist all sinful enticements. In moments of darkness be Thou our light; in hours of weakness, be Thou our strength. May we ever see Him who is invisible, and trusting in Him may we be more than conquerors.

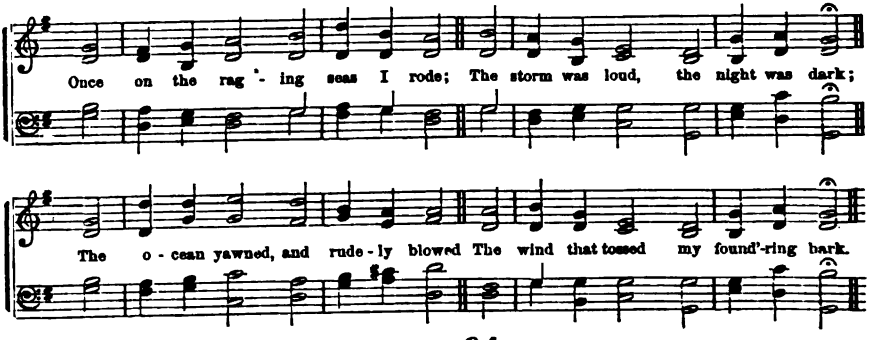
Hear us, we pray Thee, for our friends every where. Grant unto them the influence of Thy grace, and all necessary blessings.

May Thy benediction be upon teachers and pupils in all institutions of learning. Give Thy strength and Thy presence to all who are endeavoring to elevate humanity. Bless the President of the United States, and all officers of the national and state governments, that the people may dwell in safety, and our nation may be prosperous and holy.

Give us hearts to pray for all the world, for the utter overthrow of error, and for the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

All these mercies we ask through Him who has taught us to say, "Our Father," &c.

Matthew Simpson.



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ONCE on the raging seas I rode:
The storm was loud, the night was dark;
The ocean yawned, and rudely blowed
The wind that tossed my foundering bark.

2 Deep horror then my vitals froze;
Death-struck, I ceased the tide to stem;
When suddenly a star arose!
It was the Star of Bethlehem.

3 It was my Guide, my Light, my all;
It bade my dark forebodings cease;
And through the storm, and danger's thrall
It led me to the port of peace.

4 Now safely moored, my perils o'er,
I'll sing, first in night's diadem,
Forever and for evermore,
The Star—the Star of Bethlehem!

H. K. White.

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ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

3 O enter then His gates with praise:
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure:
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Scotch Version.

FOR Moses truly said unto the fathers, A Prophet shall the LORD your God raise up unto you, of your brethren, like unto me: him shall ye hear in all things.

2 And it shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

3 And there came a fear on all; and they glorified God, saying, That a great Prophet is risen up among us, and that God had visited his people.

4 And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

5 And the multitude said, This is Jesus, the Prophet of Galilee.

6 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive thou art a Prophet.

7 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a Prophet.

8 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many.

9 For false Christs, and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

10 Now I tell you before it come, that when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.

11 These things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them, and

12 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth, but I have called you friends: for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

13 No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

14 The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

15 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures.

16 These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, ye might have life through his name.

17 How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer.—Lesson XLVII.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Friend, we adore Thee as the greatest and best of beings, the King eternal, immortal and invisible.

We bless Thee for the revelation Thou hast given of Thyself in Thy word and works. While the heavens declare Thy glory, and all Thy works praise Thee, thy Word is a light to our feet, and shows us the way of salvation. Help us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to understand its teachings, to receive them with faith and love, to lay them up in our hearts, and to reduce them to practice in our lives. May we not be forgetful hearers, but doers of the word. O Lord, incline our hearts to will and to do Thy good pleasure.

While we trust in the finished work of our precious Redeemer for justification, and have no confidence in any work of our own, we pray that we may strive every day and every where to follow in His footsteps, and imitate his holy example.

We ask that the Holy Spirit may renew us in the whole man after the image of God, making us daily to die to sin and live unto righteousness. Keep us from doing any thing this day, on which we would be afraid or ashamed to ask Thy blessing, and help us, whether we eat, or drink, or whatsoever we do, to do all to Thy glory. Guard us by Thy care; guide us in the way of holiness; gather us all to Thy glory.

We ask all these blessings in the name of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us; whom having not seen we love, in whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

To the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be glory forever. Amen.

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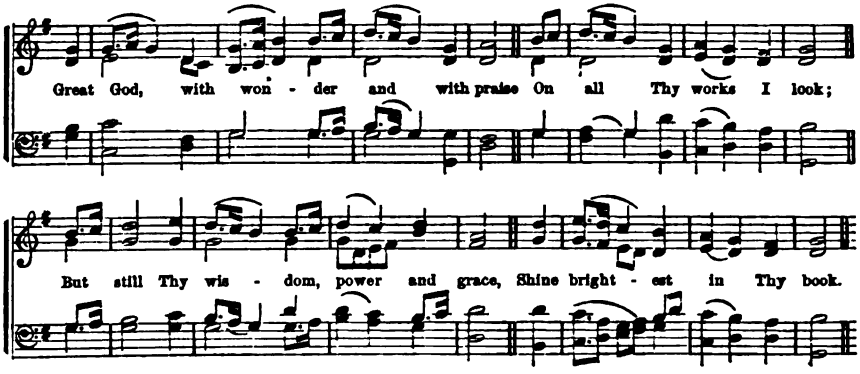

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GREAT God, with wonder and with praise
On all Thy works I look;
But still Thy wisdom, power, and grace,
Shine brightest in Thy book.

2 Here would I learn how Christ has died,
To save my soul from hell;
Not all the books on earth beside,
Such heavenly wonders tell.

3 Here are my choicest treasures hid,
Here my best comfort lies;
Here my desires are satisfied,
And here my hopes arise.

4 Then let me love my Bible more,
And take a fresh delight,
By day to read these wonders o'er,
And meditate by night.

Unknown.

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THE Lord 's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ev'n for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4 Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Scotch Version.

THE Law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

2 For as the rain cometh down, and as the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater,

3 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

4 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

5 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever.

6 Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

7 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled.

8 So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

9 For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

10 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness, and for thy truth; for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

11 Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me: but if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

12 Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.

13 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

14 The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us.

15 No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

16 He that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit.

17 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

18 Now we have received not the Spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Prayer.—Lesson XLVIII.

O THOU who art the source of all wisdom, who dwellest in the light that no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen, nor can see, we thank Thee that though Thou art thus exalted above the heavens, yet hast Thou manifested Thyself to us in Thy Son, in whom the true light shineth.

We thank Thee that the Word was made flesh, and, full of grace and truth, has dwelt among us; that in Him is that life which is the light of men; that He is the way, the truth, and the life.

May we receive Him as our divine Master, the Teacher come from God. May we accept His teachings as heavenly wisdom. May His word in us be life and spirit, divesting us of pride, of selfishness, of a haughty temper. May it lead us to that daily fellowship with Him, which shall more and more assimilate our lives to His most holy life; that shall make us truly child-like, meet to become His disciples, to sit at His feet, and learn His most holy truth. Into our most inmost souls, we humbly beseech Thee, pour the quickening influence of the Spirit, that the word of truth may be received, not merely in the letter which killeth, but in the Spirit which maketh alive.

We would most devoutly thank Thee for these precious opportunities for mental and spiritual improvement. Give us a teachable spirit, an inward thirst for knowledge, an ever-growing desire to rise to the contemplation of those exalted truths which Thou hast revealed to us, both in Thy works and in Thy word.

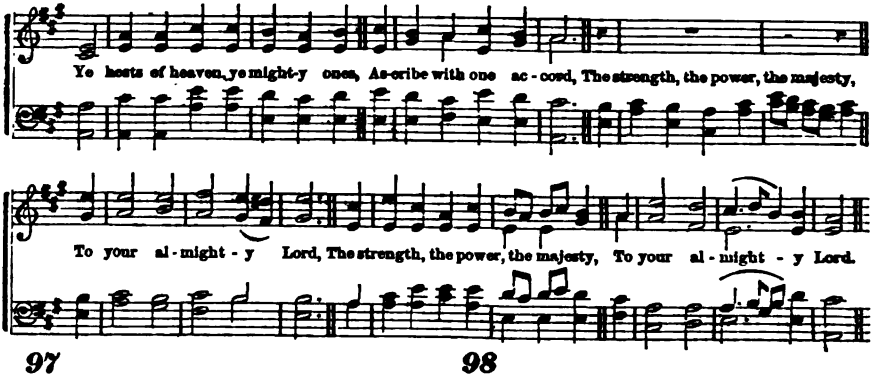
We most humbly pray for Thy blessing upon our endeavors this day. May its hours be well spent. May we remember that Thou art ever near to us—that our thoughts, our motives, and all our plans for life are ever open to Thine all-searching eye.

Bless all our benefactors; be merciful to any who have been unkind to us. Forgive, we pray Thee, all our wicked thoughts, all our sinful desires, words or acts, and help us from our hearts to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

S. S. Green.

Christ our King to Call, **CORONATION. C. M.** *Subdue, and Provide for Us.*



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YE hosts of heaven, ye mighty ones,
Ascribe, with one accord,
The strength, the power, the majesty,
To your almighty Lord.

2 Give glory to His holy name,
And honor Him alone;
In beauty meet of holiness
Approach His lofty throne.

3 Jehovah's voice of majesty
Is on the waters wide;
The God of glory thundereth,
And on the seas doth ride.

4 Jehovah sits upon the floods,
And tempests rage in vain;
Jehovah sits as Sovereign King,
And evermore shall reign.

Unknown.

98

LET us before God's presence come
With praise and thankful voice;
Let us sing psalms to Him with grace,
And make a joyful noise.

2 For God, a great God, and great King,
Above all gods He is.
Depths of the earth are in His hand,
The strength of hills is His.

3 O come, and let us worship Him,
Let us bow down withal,
And on our knees before the Lord
Our Maker let us fall.

4 For He's our God, the people we
Of His own pasture are,
And of His hand the sheep; to-day,
If ye His voice will hear.

Scotch Version.

PILATE, therefore said unto him, Art thou a king, then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.

2 The LORD is our Judge; the LORD is our lawgiver. The LORD is our King, he will save us.

3 The LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our King.

4 Yet have I set my king on my holy hill of Zion.

5 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

6 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion, shout, O Daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass.

7 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the LORD God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.

8 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

9 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

10 His name shall endure forever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

11 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power.

12 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

13 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies, whereby the people fall under thee.

14 And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

15 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the ancient of days.

16 And there was given him dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away.

17 For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

18 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd.

Prayer.—Lesson XLIX.

OUR Father in Heaven, who didst give Thine only begotten Son to bear witness unto the truth, to take away sin, and to establish an everlasting kingdom, we adore Thee for Thine infinite majesty, and bless Thee for Thine unspeakable goodness.

Thou hast made known unto us the mystery of Thy will, that in the fulness of times, all things in heaven and in earth, shall be gathered together in Christ, and hast called us unto His eternal glory. Notwithstanding our many and aggravated provocations, Thou hast spared us, crowned us with innumerable blessings, and made us partakers of the covenant of promise.

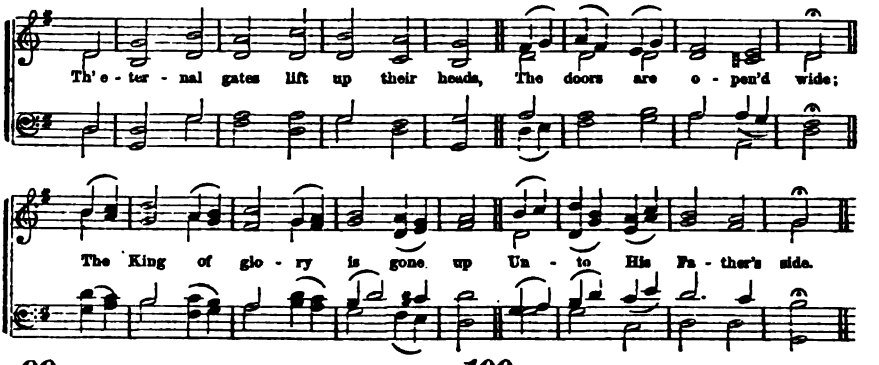
Most heartily would we confess our sins, and beseech Thee to implant within us that godly sorrow which worketh repentance, and that faith in Christ through which we inherit the promises, and become heirs of the kingdom. Subdue our hearts, renew them by Thy Spirit, and bring every thought into subjection to the obedience of Christ. May we know the blessedness of sins forgiven, and of a holy walk with God. Let not pride, envy, discontent, or self-will, have place within us; may the law of kindness and of truth be in our tongues, and may we always love those things which please Thee. Coveting earnestly the best gifts of knowledge and of wisdom, we would follow the more excellent way of heavenly charity. Let no temptation prevail over us, to lead us from the faith or practice of Thy truth; fit us to serve our generation according to Thy will, and whenever we finish our course, may it be with joy, and not with grief. Provide what Thou seest convenient for us; make us sober-minded, without carefulness under Thine allotments, and followers of Him who came down from heaven, not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

As Thou hast promised that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, may we ever be Thy willing servants to contend for the faith, and to fulfil Thy great command to carry the gospel to every creature. Revive pure and undefiled religion throughout Thy church; sanctify and prosper all schools and institutions of learning; restrain and guide all earthly rulers, and crown with success every effort to elevate and save men.

Relieve all that are needy or oppressed; maintain Thy cause against all opposition, and let all nations see the glory of Thine Anointed. And when all things shall be subdued unto Thee, and God shall be all in all, may we share in the blessedness of Thy kingdom of glory, and with all the redeemed, we will render to Thee all honor and blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C. P. Wing.

Christ as King Conquers **MEDFIELD. C. M.** *All His and our Enemies.*



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TH' eternal gates lift up their heads,
The doors are opened wide;
The King of glory is gone up
Unto His Father's side.

2 Thou art gone in before us, Lord,
Thou hast prepared a place,
That we may be where now Thou art,
And look upon Thy face.

3 And ever on Thine earthly path
A gleam of glory lies;
A light still breaks behind the cloud
That veils Thee from our eyes.

4 Lift up our thoughts, lift up our songs,
And let Thy grace be given,
That, while we linger yet below,
Our hearts may be in heaven.

Unknown.

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GOD is our refuge and our strength,
In straits a present aid;
Therefore, although the earth remove,
We will not be afraid:

2 Though hills amidst the seas be cast;
Though waters roaring make,
And troubled be; yea, though the hills
By swelling seas do shake.

3 God in the midst of her doth dwell;
Nothing shall her remove:
The Lord to her a helper will,
And that right early, prove.

4 Come, and behold what wondrous works
Have by the Lord been wrought;
Come, see what desolations great
He on the earth hath brought.

Scotch Version.

MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made, touching the king.

2 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

3 And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth, and meekness, and righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

4 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

5 The LORD at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians; and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

8 He hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, All things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted which did put all things under him.

9 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

10 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

11 I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every man, according to their works.

18 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

14 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron.

16 And he hath on his vesture, and on his thigh, a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 Yet a little while, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry.

18 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him. God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

Prayer.—Lesson L.

O THOU high and lofty One, who inhabitest Eternity, and whose name is holy, Thou art God, Thyself alone, the God of all grace, God the Father, Almighty,—God, the Eternal Son,—God, the Holy Ghost, to Thee be glory and honor for ever.

We, O Lord, are Thy creatures, sinful and vile,—have no might nor merit of our own, and are ill-deserving at Thy holy and righteous hands. Oh, let Thy rich grace be vouchsafed us, not for our sakes, but for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For His sake, send out Thy word as the rod of Thy strength, and make us a willing people in the day of Thy power. Open our eyes that we may see Him, the Lamb of God, who taketh away sin.

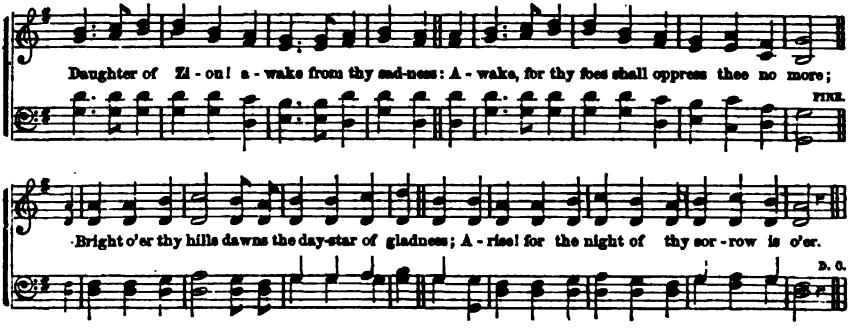
Let Him be formed in our hearts, the one only hope of glory, and thenceforth sit upon the throne of our affections, the loving and the loved Lord of our whole being, bringing down every high thought and vain imagination, bruising Satan and every evil thing under our feet, and making our hearts burn as he sheds abroad His love within us, until, having perfected His good work, He will have us fitted for His full enjoyment in a state of perfect blessedness in His everlasting kingdom of glory. Even so, Father, let it seem good to Thee to do in us and for us, to the praise of the riches of Thy grace.

And O, leave us not be contented with this. See, blessed Jesus, Thou who art the merciful and righteous Lord, see how the world lies in the wicked one. See how men cast off fear and restrain prayer, how the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things; how kings set themselves, and rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed. And O, do Thou who art exalted at the right hand of God, and before whom every knee should bow, and every tongue confess, arise, not in deserved wrath, but in Thine infinite mercy.

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, and in Thy glory and majesty appear in all the earth. For truth, and meekness, and righteousness, ride forth prosperously. And O, let the day—the long promised day—be hastened on, when Thy Light and Thy Truth shall go forth into all the world; Thy Spirit be poured out upon all flesh; Thine enemies be every where subdued; kings made to be nursing fathers, and their queens nursing mothers to Thy Church; when all things shall be put under Thy feet; death, the last enemy, be destroyed, the kingdoms of this world all have become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, all flesh see the salvation of our God, and when, as Thy rightful and everlastingly glorious due, O Thou that bearest upon Thy vesture the name written, King of kings and Lord of lords, loud voices shall be heard in heaven, saying, Alleluia, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

J. B. Dales.

Christ our King Will **DAUGHTER OF ZION. 11s.** *Crown and Glorify Us.*



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DAUGHTER of Zion! awake from thy sadness:
Awake, for thy foes shall oppress thee no more;
Bright o'er thy hills dawns the day-star of gladness;
Arise! for the night of thy sorrow is o'er.

2 Strong were thy foes, but the arm that subdued them,
And scattered their legions, was mightier far;
They fled, like the chaff, from the scourge that pursued them;
For vain were their steeds and their chariots of war!

3 Daughter of Zion! the Power that hath saved thee,
Extolled with the harp and the timbrel should be;
Shout! for the foe is destroyed that enslaved thee,
Th' oppressor is vanquished, and Zion is free!

Unknown.

DOXOLOGY.

O Father Almighty, to Thee be addressed,
With Christ and the Spirit, one God ever bless'd,
All glory and worship, from earth and from heaven,
As was, and is now, and shall ever be given.

BLESSED and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

2 And he that sat upon the throne, said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful.

3 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

4 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign forever and ever.

5 And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

6 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

7 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat,

8 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

9 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come: glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee.

10 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

11 I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

12 Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am: that they may behold my glory.

13 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.

14 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

15 And behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

16 He which testifieth these things, saith, Surely I come quickly: Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer.—Lesson LI.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast promised forgiveness of sins, and resurrection from the dead, to all them who come unto Thee, be with us in the work which we undertake this day in Thy name.

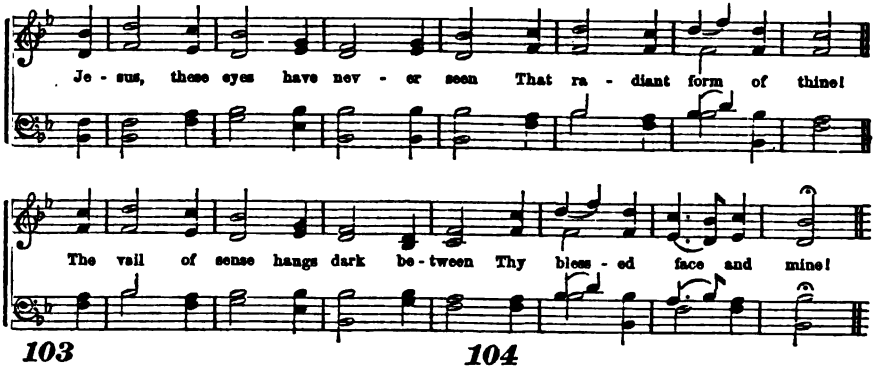
Grant to the pupils of this school, obedient and faithful tempers, that they may pursue their studies, and perform every duty as in Thy sight; open their hearts to the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, and fill them with an ardent desire, and love of truth, wisdom, purity, and goodness, and keep them from all things hurtful or sinful, that they may be kept by Thy power through faith unto full salvation, that when the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, to sit upon the throne of His glory, they may see His face; and having His name on their foreheads, may hear the King say, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

And we pray Thee, Heavenly Father, to bless those whose duty it is to teach. Pour down Thy blessing upon their instructions, and grant that with obedience and faith, they may sow the good seed both of temporal and spiritual knowledge, looking unto Thee alone for the reward of their work. That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

Grant these things, we beseech Thee, O Father, and pardon our sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Irvin H. Torrence.

The Atonement of Christ— **BALERMA. C. M.** *Complete, Final, Sufficient.*



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JESUS, these eyes have never seen
That radiant form of Thine!
The vail of sense hangs dark between
Thy blessed face and mine!

2 I see Thee not, I hear Thee not,
Yet art Thou oft with me;
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot,
As where I meet with Thee.

3 Like some bright dream that comes unsought,
When slumbers o'er me roll,
Thine image ever fills my thought,
And charms my ravished soul.

4 Yet though I have not seen, and still
Must rest in faith alone:
I love Thee, dearest Lord!—and will,
Unseen, but not unknown.

5 When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
And still this throbbing heart,
The rending vail shall Thee reveal,
All glorious as Thou art.

Bernard.

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JESUS! the very thought of Thee
With gladness fills my breast;
But dearer far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind!

3 O Hope of every contrite heart,
O Joy of all the meek!
To those who fall, how kind thou art,
How good to those who seek!

4 And those who find Thee, find a bliss
Nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus—what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

5 Jesus, our only joy be Thou!
As Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity!

Ray Palmer.

AND as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up,

2 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

3 For God so loved the world, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

4 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name, whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

5 But now in Christ Jesus, ye who were sometimes afar off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

6 Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

7 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation.

8 This is the covenant that I will make with them, after those days, saith the LORD: I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.

9 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

10 Now where remission for these is, there is no more offering for sin.

11 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

12 He that believeth on him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

13 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

14 Who is he that condemneth, it is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God; who also maketh intercession for us.

15 And having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Prayer.—Lesson LII.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our spirits: Thou art worthy of the praise and homage of all creatures. We owe to Thee not only our being, but our gifts, privileges, and joys. Through Thy goodness it is that we have been preserved, and are now permitted to enter upon the work of another day. We acknowledge Thee; we worship Thee; and humbly implore Thy blessing, in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer.

With angels, and all the holy, we desire, O God, to celebrate Thy perfection, and to rejoice in Thee. The heavens and the earth, filled with order and beauty, do plainly declare Thine eternal power and Godhead, and nature in her course proclaims Thy wisdom and Thy goodness; and we, who are made in Thine image, should render Thee higher praise.

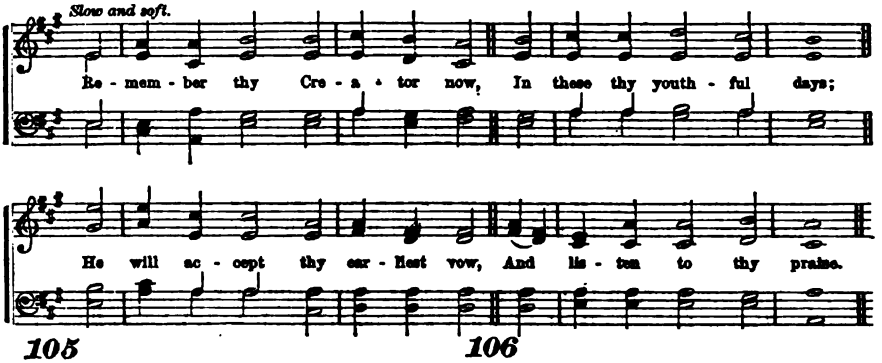
Yet, O Thou ever-blessed, our own hearts condemn us, and constrain us to confess that we have greatly sinned against Thee, and have made ourselves unworthy of Thy love. We have not yielded to Thee the best affections of our hearts, and, in innumerable ways, we have broken Thy holy law. But we thank Thee that though we are justly subject to Thy displeasure, Thou hast not forsaken us. Thou, most merciful Father, hast pitied us, and hast sent Thy beloved Son to redeem our souls from death. Thou, O Christ, Saviour of the sinful, didst freely offer Thyself on the bloody cross for us,—the one great and sufficient sacrifice for sin,—and Thou hast promised pardon, peace, and eternal life to all who truly believe in Thee. Make us, we beseech Thee, deeply to feel our need of Thee, and help us gratefully to avail ourselves of Thy most precious grace. Accept these sinful souls of ours, which we would now present a willing offering to Thee, and be pleased, of Thy great mercy, to renew them by Thy Holy Spirit, and to make them clean through atoning blood, that we may be the children of God indeed.

Assist us also, O divine Redeemer, to turn from our sins, to amend our faults, and in our whole lives to exemplify the peculiar Christian virtues to the honor of Thy name. Preserve us this day from the power of temptation, and from every impending evil, and aid us in all duty. Enable us to use diligently the opportunities afforded us; to exhibit all fidelity and truthfulness; to be respectful to the aged, and to those who are in authority; obedient to parents and instructors, and kind and courteous towards all our fellow-men. So help us to rely on Thee alone, and to live in Thy Spirit, blessed Lord, that when this mortal life is finished, we may be received to the everlasting life and joy of heaven.

Hear these our humble petitions, our gracious God and Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ray Palmer.

Invitations to Partake of the **AZMON. C. M.** *Blessings of Christ's Atonement.*



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REMEMBER thy Creator now,
In these thy youthful days:
He will accept thy earliest vow,
And listen to thy praise.

2 Remember thy Creator now,
And seek Him while He's near;
For evil days will come, when thou
Shalt find no comfort near.

3 Remember thy Creator now;
His willing servant be:
Then, when thy head in death shall bow,
He will remember thee.

4 Almighty God! our hearts incline
Thy heavenly voice to hear;
Let all our future days be Thine,
Devoted to Thy fear.

Unknown.

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O TASTE and see that God is good:
Who trusts in Him is bless'd.
Fear God, His saints: none that Him fear
Shall be with want oppress'd.

2 The lions young may hungry be,
And they may lack their food:
But they that truly seek the Lord
Shall not lack any good.

3 O children, hither do ye come,
And unto me give ear;
I shall you teach to understand
How ye the Lord should fear.

4 What man is he that life desires,
To see good would live long?
Thy lips refrain from speaking guile,
And from ill words thy tongue.

Scotch Version.

A CERTAIN man made a great supper, and bade many; and sent his servants, at supper-time, to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready.

2 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk, without money, and without price.

3 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread; and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

4 Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you; even the sure mercies of David.

5 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

6 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

7 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

8 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

9 Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden; and I will give you rest.

10 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

11 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

12 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

13 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me.

14 Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

15 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

16 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

17 The Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come, and let him that is athirst, come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Prayer.—Lesson LIII.

O THOU, our great Creator and Redeemer, grant us Thine Holy Spirit, and help us to hearken to the gracious invitations of Thy word, and to seek Thy face, Thy favor, and Thy kingdom.

We thank Thee for all that Thou hast done for us, in making us rational and immortal,—capable of knowing, loving, and serving Thee, and of enjoying Thee "forever."

We thank Thee that Thou wast pleased to make us "after Thine own image," of mind and heart and will,—of "holiness" and "dominion."

We acknowledge with shame and sorrow that, with all our race, we have fallen from our high estate. We desire to confess with the deepest penitence and contrition, that we have "sinned against heaven, and in Thy sight;"—we have broken Thy holy law, all the days of our lives;—we have done what we ought not to have done, and have neglected to do what we ought to have done. We have never loved "Thee with all our heart," nor our "neighbor as ourselves."

We mourn before Thee, that we have lost the "image of holiness" from our souls, and that mind and heart and will are only the ruins left us by the "fall," and which we have more and more perverted, by our own countless transgressions.

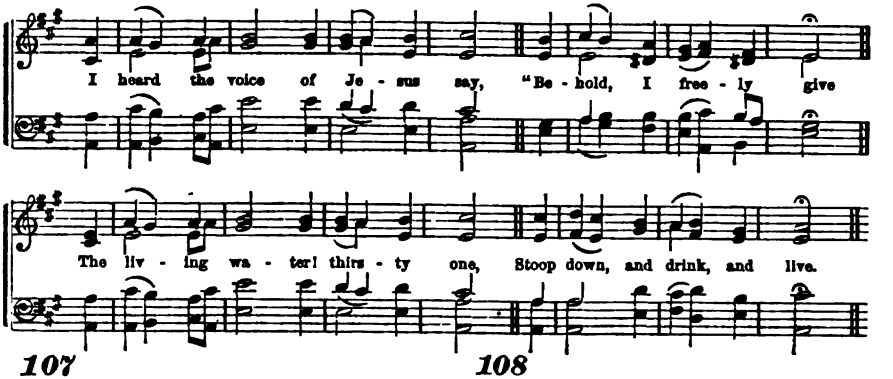
We thank Thee for our birth and education in this Christian land, where we have Thy holy word, Thy holy day, and all the institutions, ordinances, and influences of the gospel. Help us, we pray Thee, rightly to understand our exalted privileges, and great responsibilities. O grant us the constant aid of Thy Holy Spirit, in the work of our education. Do Thou renew, unfold, discipline and furnish our mental and immortal powers, for all the work and duty of this life, and for the service and glory of the life to come.

O Thou, our Saviour, to this end be Thou our Prophet, Priest, and King. Teach us what we should know, make us wise in the knowledge of Thy works and of Thy word; that we may discern Thy glorious "handiwork," displayed alike in the heavens above, and in all the course of nature here below; and the richer wonders of Thy wisdom, power and love, in the history of Providence and Redemption. Make our minds a temple of knowledge. May its "chambers of imagery" be cleansed of every thing unholy and unclean, and be filled with all "pleasant pictures" of holiness and truth.

Be Thou our great High Priest. Cleanse Thou our guilty hearts of every stain of sin, by Thine own atoning blood, and make them a sanctuary meet for Thine own abode.

Be Thou our King. Reign in the empire of the will, over body, soul, and spirit, now, henceforth, and forever. Help us to live for Thy glory and the good of our fellow beings, and receive us at last into Thine everlasting kingdom; for our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Gorham D. Abbot.



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I HEARD the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water! thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."

2 I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream:
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light:
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright."

4 I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun:
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till all my journey's done.

Bonar.

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AWAKE, sweet gratitude, and sing
The ascended Saviour's love,
Sing how He lives to carry on
His people's cause above.

2 With cries and tears He offered up
His humble suit below;
But with authority He asks,
Enthroned in glory now.

3 For all that come to God by Him,
Salvation He demands;
Points to their names upon His breast,
And spreads His wounded hands.

4 Eternal life, at His request,
To every saint is given:
Safety below, and after death,
The plenitude of heaven.

Toplady.

DELIGHT thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

2 If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

3 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted.

4 These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life in his name.

5 Keep, therefore, and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding, in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

6 For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

7 Hear, therefore, O Israel! and observe to do it,—that it may be well with thee, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

8 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

9 Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD and stay upon his God.

10 Blessed is she that believeth; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her of the LORD.

11 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the LORD God, and not that he should return from his ways and live?

12 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

13 Come, now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

14 He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great.

15 The fear of the LORD tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied: he shall not be visited with evil.

16 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

17 I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me: and I will pardon all their iniquities.

Prayer.—Lesson LIV.

ALMIGHTY GOD! Thou art the source of all light, wisdom and grace. Thou givest understanding to man, and art willing to be entreated by him. Immensity is filled with Thy presence, and eternity is Thy habitation; yet Thine ear is open to the cry of the lowly, and Thy compassion is upon the contrite. Unto Thee do we lift up our hearts, as the great Author of our being, the Preserver of our lives, and the Fountain of all our blessings. We adore Thee for Thy majesty and glory; we bless Thee for Thy goodness and mercy; and we look to Thee as our only Helper in the midst of our many necessities.

O spurn us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. To whom shall we go but unto Thee, who art slow to anger, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. We confess that we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. Our hearts and our lives have been evil in Thy sight. But Thou hast not given us over to the condemnation which we have deserved. Thy love has provided a ransom for our sins and a Saviour for our souls. Thou hast given Thine only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, that we may be cleansed by His blood, renewed by His Spirit, and have life through His name. Give us that faith in Him, as our Lord and Redeemer, in which Thy saints rejoice, and through which their victory is achieved. Let His blessed mediation avail for us. Look upon us, O God, through Him, and have mercy upon us for His sake.

And as Thou hast promised forgiveness to all those who take refuge in Jesus, be pleased also to give us grace to become more like Him. Aid us, we beseech Thee, to copy His example, to exemplify His Spirit, and to show in all our ways that we have learned of Him. Give us understanding of His truth. Make plain to us our duty. Guide us into the way everlasting.

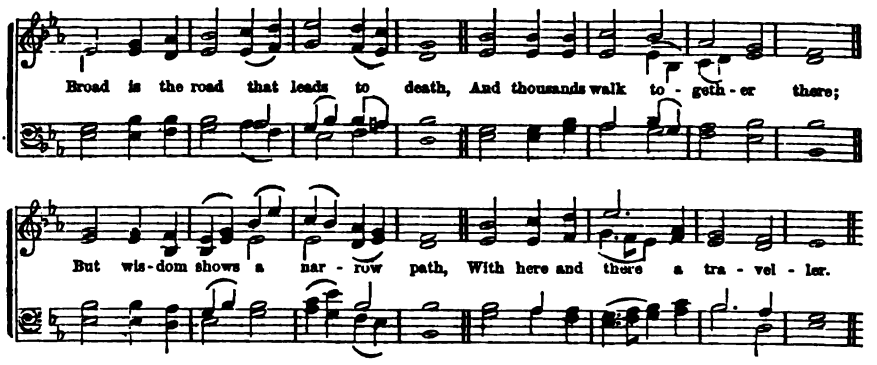
Hitherto Thou hast helped us; and we believe that Thou wilt not now forsake us, as our hope is in Thee. Teach us Thy will, and inspire our hearts, that we may serve Thee in righteousness all the days of our lives. Leave us not to our own counsels, or to the conduct of our own erring and deceitful hearts; but may discretion preserve us, and understanding keep us. May it please Thee to make our way prosperous before us, and to give us Thy blessing and good success in all that pertains to our duty.

And the blessings which we ask for ourselves, graciously extend, O God, to all our fellow-men. Increase the number of Thy saints. Bless all who love and fear Thee, and trust upon Thy name. And let Thy glorious kingdom come, and Thy blessed will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Hear us, most merciful God, in this our unworthy prayer, which we present in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and praise, world without end. Amen.

J. A. Seiss.

Penalty of Rejecting, or **DUKE STREET. L. M.** *Neglecting Salvation.*



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BROAD is the road that leads to death,
And thousands walk together there;
But wisdom shows a narrow path,
With here and there a traveller.

2 "Deny thyself, and take thy cross,"
Is the Redeemer's great command:
Nature must count her gold but dross,
If she would gain this heavenly land.

3 The fearful soul that tires and faints,
And walks the ways of God no more,
Is but esteemed almost a saint,
And makes his own destruction sure.

4 Lord! let not all my hopes be vain;
Create my heart entirely new:
Which hypocrites could ne'er attain;
Which false apostates never knew.

Watts.

110

WHO shall ascend Thy heavenly place,
Great God, and dwell before Thy face?
The man who minds religion now,
And humbly walks with God below;

2 Whose hands are pure, whose heart is clean;
Whose lips still speak the thing they mean;
No slanders dwell upon his tongue;
He hates to do his neighbor wrong.

3 He loves his enemies, and prays
For those who curse him to his face;
And does to all men still the same
That he would hope or wish from them.

4 Yet when his holiest works are done,
His soul depends on grace alone:
This is the man Thy face shall see,
And dwell forever, Lord, with Thee.

Watts.

O TIMOTHY, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science, falsely so called.

2 We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

3 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward: how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?

4 Let us, therefore, fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

5 The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

6 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned: and avoid them; for they are such as serve not our Lord Jesus.

7 Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father, which is in heaven.

8 He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me.

9 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

10 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand.

11 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house: and it fell; and great was the fall of it.

12 I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

13 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.

14 Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

15 Seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

16 He that is not with me, is against me; and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth.

17 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us.

18 Looking diligently, lest any man fail of the grace of God: lest any root of bitterness, springing up, trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.

19 For our God is a consuming fire.

Prayer.—Lesson LV.

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, who inhabitest eternity, and fillest the universe with Thy presence! before whom the angels bow and the archangels veil their faces, unable to look upon the glory of Thy face; Thou, in Thy infinite love, hast taught us, sinful creatures of earth, to call Thee, Our Father! and encouraged us to come and make known to Thee all our needs.

O, help us, as we approach into Thy blissful presence, to put away all worldly thoughts and desires, and to bow before Thee, who art the King of kings, in reverence and awe. Thou art infinite in power and perfect in holiness. We are of the dust, and polluted with sin, and unworthy to take Thy holy name upon our lips. We wonder and adore that matchless grace which has made the way of access to Thee so easy. Putting off the garment of our own righteousness, we have only to come in the name of Jesus, plead His sufferings and death in our behalf, and Thou wilt hear our every call; even before we call, Thou hearest, and while we are yet speaking, Thou answerest; and every thing in heaven and on earth is ours to enjoy.

O, our Father! look upon Christ, we beseech Thee, and for His sake blot out our transgressions. Bestow on each, out of Thy store-house of mercies, what Thou seest is most needful for each; raise what in us is low; strengthen what is weak; give us clearer apprehension of truth and duty, than we have ever before had; give to the tempted one, succor; to the doubting and unbelieving, faith; to the proud, humility; to the ignorant, knowledge; and to all, wisdom to rightly apply Thy truths which shall be learned this day; and to both pupils and teachers, such command of all our powers as shall enable us faithfully and successfully to perform our various duties to Thy honor, and to the good of our own souls.

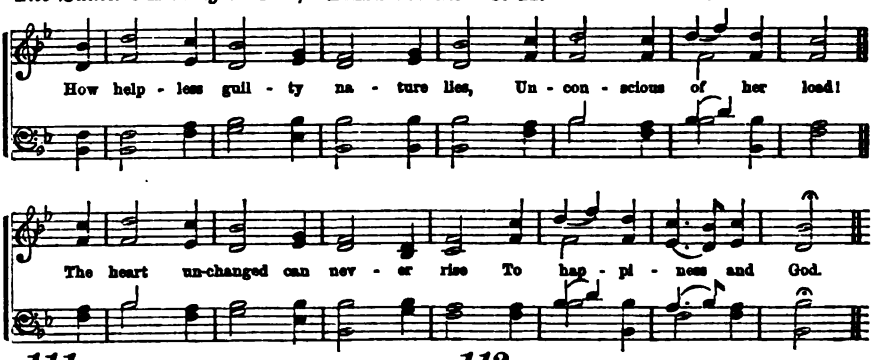
Be with us during this day, and every day, to control all our acts, our words, and thoughts. May we so live each day, that our very presence may savor of truth and heaven.

We bless Thee, O God, that Thou hast made us co-laborers with Thee, in carrying forward this glorious work. Make us more earnest and efficient, we pray Thee, in Thy service; give us greater command of all our powers, greater zeal in the work of enlightening and redeeming the world from ignorance and sin; and to those before Thee, who have never engaged in this labor at all, who have no love or interest in it, but have hitherto stood in the way, do Thou impart unto them understanding, and have mercy upon their souls.

Then, having done what we could on earth to extend the knowledge and riches of Thy love, may we meet around Thy throne an unbroken band, and join in that heavenly anthem of redeeming love, To Him that washed us in His blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God, be ascriptions of praise now and forever. Amen.

Contributed.

The Sinner's Enmity to God, **BALERMA. C. M.** *and Inability to Serve Him.*



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HOW helpless guilty nature lies,
Unconscious of her load!
The heart unchanged can never rise
To happiness and God.

2 Can aught beneath a power divine
The stubborn will subdue?
'Tis Thine, Almighty Saviour, Thine
To form the heart anew.

3 'Tis Thine the passions to recall,
And upward bid them rise;
To make the scales of error fall
From reason's darkened eyes;—

4 Oh, change these wretched hearts of ours,
And give them life divine!
Then shall our passions and our powers,
Almighty Lord, be Thine.

Mrs. Steel.

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THE Lord, from His celestial throne,
Looked down on things below,
To find the man that sought His grace,
Or did His justice know.

2 By nature all are gone astray,
Their practice all the same;
There's none that fears his Maker's hand;
There's none that loves His name.

3 Their tongues are used to speak deceit,
Their slanders never cease;
How swift to mischief are their feet,
Nor know the paths of peace!

4 Such seeds of sin—that bitter root—
In every heart are found;
Nor can they bear diviner fruit
Till grace refine the ground.

Watts.

AND God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

3 Among whom, also, we all had our conversation in times past, in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 To Israel, he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

5 The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

6 The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

7 For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary, the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

8 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

9 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

10 For we ourselves, also, were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

11 As they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind.

12 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth: their inward part is very wickedness.

13 Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law.

14 Sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence.

15 For the good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

16 I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing.

17 How then can a man be justified with God? or, how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

18 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Prayer.—Lesson LVI.

HAVE mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness; according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our trans gressions. We are wicked and sinners before Thee, exceedingly—the fallen children of fallen parents. Sin has defiled and debased our very natures, so that in us, that is, in our flesh, there dwells no good thing. It has spread its defilements over all our lives, so that in life, as well as in heart, we are odious in Thy sight, O, Thou Holy One of Israel.

Behold, we are vile, what shall we answer Thee? We will lay our hands upon our mouths. We have broken Thy law; we have abused Thy mercy; we have disregarded Thy counsels and Thy claims; and it is because of Thy great and marvellous forbearance, that we have not been consumed. We have sinned against every person of the adorable Trinity—against the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; against Thee, Thou triune and ever-blessed God, have we offended in ways and at times without number, in thought, word and deed.

O, our sins, our sins, how great is the sum of them! How dreadful and how deserved is the wrath to which they have exposed us! Our only hope is in the atoning sacrifice and perfect righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be Thy name, Thou hast sent Him to be the propitiation for our sins, and He is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. Lord, we believe, help Thou our unbelief. Help us, with penitent, humble and trusting hearts, to receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the Gospel. Unite us to Jesus by faith and by the indwelling of His Spirit, in our hearts, as the branch is united to the vine, and thereby secure to every one of us a personal and an abiding interest in Him as the Friend and Redeemer of sinners.

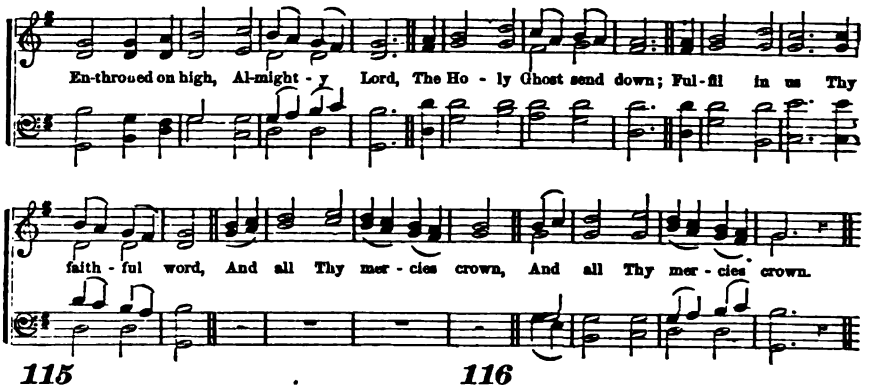
Wash us in the blood of Jesus; clothe us in His righteousness; renew and sanctify us by His Word and Spirit; lead us in the paths of holiness and peace for His name's sake; and grant, that henceforth the life which we now live in the flesh we may live by the faith of the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us.

May we ever delight in the name of Jesus, because He saves us from our sins. May our hearts ever rise in gratitude to Him for what He has done and suffered for our redemption, and may we show our gratitude, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by making His will our law, His glory our aim, and His service our employment, and our delight.

These great mercies we humbly supplicate, not for any worthiness there is in us, but only in the name and for the sake of Him who was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

P. D. Gurley.

The Holy Spirit Creates us **DEVIZES. C. M.** *Anew and Sanctifies us.*



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ENTHRONED on high, Almighty Lord,
The Holy Ghost send down;
Fulfil in us Thy faithful word,
And all Thy mercies crown.

2 Though on our heads no tongues of fire
Their wondrous powers impart,
Grant, Saviour, what we more desire,
Thy Spirit in our heart.

3 Spirit of life, and light, and love,
Thy heavenly influence give:
Quicken our souls, our guilt remove,
That we in Christ may live.

4 His love within us shed abroad,
Life's ever-springing well;
Till God in us, and we in God,
In love eternal dwell.

Humphries.

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AS pants the hart for cooling streams,
When heated in the chase;
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee,
And Thy refreshing grace.

2 For Thee, my God, the living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine;
Oh! when shall I behold Thy face,
Thou Majesty divine!

3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Trust God; and He'll employ
His aid for thee, and change these sighs
To thankful hymns of joy.

4 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still; and thou shalt sing
The praise of Him who is thy God,
Thy health's eternal spring.

Tate—Brady.

THUS saith the LORD God, When I passed by thee and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee, when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee, when thou wast in thy blood, Live.

2 What shall we say, then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

3 God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

4 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5 When we were in the flesh, the motions of sin, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

7 Wherefore, he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

8 And you, being dead in your sins, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all your trespasses.

9 Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

10 Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

11 Lie not one to another, seeing ye have put off the old man with his deeds.

12 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge, after the image of him that created him.

13 Let not sin, therefore, reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof:

14 Neither yield ye your members, as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead.

15 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts.

16 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

17 For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, and righteousness and truth.

DOXOLOGY.

Let God the Father, and the Son,
And Spirit, be adored,
Where there are works to make Him known,
Or saints to love the Lord!

Prayer.—Lesson LVIII.

O GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, to guide them into all truth, giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness, with fervent zeal, to preach the gospel to all nations, whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy Son, Jesus Christ; who hast also promised, by Thy Son, our Saviour, to give Thy Holy Spirit to them that ask Him of Thee; we beseech Thee to give Him to us in all the graces, and assistances of which we stand in need; we ask Him, in all humility and earnestness, as the greatest blessing we can receive; we ask Him, in the sense of our own weakness and infirmities; as knowing that without His continual inspiration, we can think nothing that is good, nor do any thing that is acceptable to Thee. O, therefore, let Him be and remain with us, and most powerfully assist and support us in all trials and temptations, when we most need His help.

Let Him be unto us a Spirit of sanctification, to purify our corrupt natures; a Spirit of counsel in all difficulties, and direction in all doubts; of courage in all dangers; of constancy in all persecutions; of comfort in all troubles; and of submission and resignation to Thy holy will and pleasure in all our afflictions.

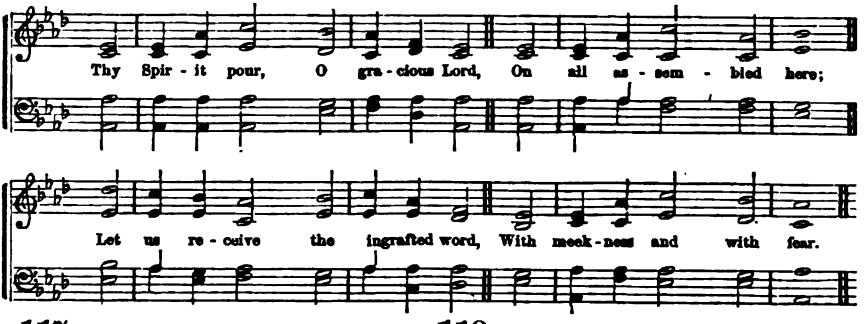
Leave us not a moment to our own human frailty, without His assistance; but let Him constantly inspire us with fear, love, and devotion towards Thee; with truth, justice, and charity towards our neighbors; and with abstinence and sobriety towards ourselves.

Furthermore, we beseech Thee, let Him be unto us a Spirit of patience under all crosses, and in all provocations; a Spirit of trust, and steadfast repose of mind, in Thy care and providence; a Spirit of forgiveness to our enemies; a Spirit of humility, to make us meek and gentle to others, and to free us from all the sin and torment of pride, envy, and ambition. And finally, so let Him guide and govern us, through the whole course of our short life here, that we may not fail to attain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Written in the 17th century, by

Rev. Dr. Hickes.

The Spirit Unites us to Christ **EVAN. C. M.** *by Working Faith in us.*



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THY Spirit pour, O gracious Lord,
On all assembled here;
Let us receive the ingrafted word
With meekness and with fear.

2 By faith in Thee, the soul receives
New life, though dead before;
And he who in Thy name believes,
Shall live, to die no more.

3 Preserve the power of faith alive
In those who love Thy name;
For sin and Satan daily strive
To quench the sacred flame.

4 Thy grace and mercy first prevailed
From death to set us free;
And, often since, our life had failed,
Unless renewed by Thee.

Unknown.

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OUR blessed Redeemer, ere He breathed
His tender, last farewell,
A Guide, a Comforter bequeathed,
With us on earth to dwell.

2 He came in tongues of living flame,
To teach, convince, subdue;
All powerful as the wind, He came,
And all as viewless, too.

3 And every virtue we possess,
And every virtue won,
And every thought of holiness
Are His, and His alone.

4 Spirit of purity and grace,
Our weakness pitying see;
O make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,
Purer and worthier Thee.

Spirit of the Psalms.

BY grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

2 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.

3 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

4 And you that were some time alienated, and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled, in the body of his flesh through death.

5 To present you holy and unblamable, and unreprovable in his sight, if ye continue in the faith, grounded and settled.

6 Of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption.

7 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

8 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

9 I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

10 Ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

11 If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man.

14 Being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear.

15 Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

16 Beloved, believe not every spirit. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God.

Prayer.—Lesson LIX.

OUR FATHER and our God! Grant that we may draw near to Thee, at this time, with that hopefulness and confidence which only reliance upon Thy strength and goodness can give. We are weak, wayward, and erring. Our best thoughts and noblest deeds fall far short of our own imperfect conception of what we ought to think and do. How then must we appear in Thy sight, Thou all-knowing Searcher of hearts?

We rejoice to believe, that if we accept the influence of Thy Spirit in our hearts, our weakness will be supplemented by Thy strength, and our poor offerings rendered acceptable in Thy sight. May we cherish that love toward Thee, and toward those about us, that joins us to Christ by the wondrous bond of spiritual relationship, and enables us to call His Father, our Father.

Thou hast taught us that we may then have given us the faith that brings peace to the mind, and joy to the heart—that leadeth Thy children through the ever-varying scenes of life by an inspiration unknown to the world. Then we may see a blessing in every sorrow, and the joys that so often lead us to forget their Author, will be sanctified to our spiritual advancement.

O Lord, how doth our souls long for Thy service! But the flesh is weak. Make us more fully conscious that Thou art near us in mercy, and at all times ready to bless. May Thy Spirit dwell in our hearts to prompt holy thoughts and righteous deeds. May we be so joined in holy affection to Christ, as to joyfully trust to His guidance.

In His precepts we have the words of Thy law—in His utterances, the promises of our God. May we follow His teachings with diligence, and accept His promises without question. The sun of our probation yet lingers above the horizon: turn us to Thy Truth ere its light is shut out from us forever.

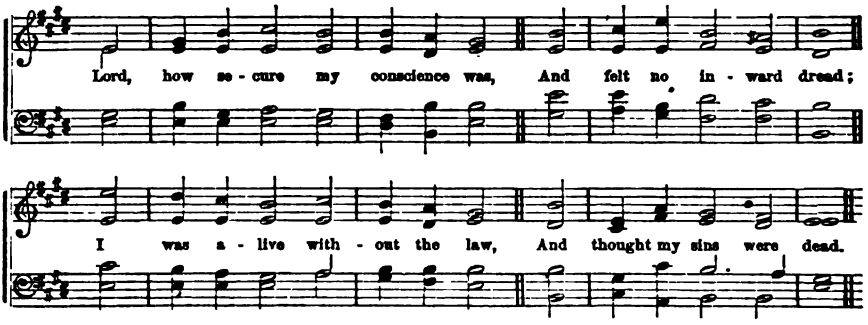
May our faith manifest itself in our lives, making us zealous in all good works, earnest in testimony of Thy loving-kindness, kindly affectioned toward those about us, and charitable toward all; for these things, Thou hast taught us are well-pleasing in Thy sight.

Enable us to follow the ways of Christian usefulness, and to induce others to walk therein. Save us from narrow-mindedness and bigotry.

Grant to us who are young, true views of the importance of the life just before us. Create in us a spirit of Christian manliness and courage, that we may be valiant in the good fight of faith; and when these days of service end, and we stand again upon the borders of the eternal world, may we be met by the bright messengers of Him whom we have tried to serve, and conveyed through the valley of shadows to the beautiful land of our Father, there to enjoy that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

We ask all in the name of Christ, our Elder Brother. Amen.

O. Vincent Coffin.



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LORD, how secure my conscience was,
And felt no inward dread!
I was alive without the law,
And thought my sins were dead.

2 My hopes of heaven were firm and bright,
But since the precept came
With such convincing power and light,
I find how vile I am.

3 My guilt appeared but small before,
Till I with terror saw
How perfect, holy, just, and pure
Is Thine eternal law.

4 Then felt my soul the heavy load;
My sins revived again;
I had provoked a dreadful God,
And all my hopes were slain.

Watts.

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AFTER Thy loving-kindness, Lord,
Have mercy upon me;
For Thy compassion's great, blot out
All mine iniquity.

2 Me cleanse from sin, and fully wash
From mine iniquity;
For my transgressions I confess;
My sin I ever see.

3 'Gainst Thee, Thee only, have I sinn'd,
In Thy sight done this ill;
That when Thou speak'st Thou may'st be just,
And clear in judging still.

4 Do Thou with hyssop sprinkle me,
I shall be cleansed so;
Yea, wash Thou me, and then I shall
Be whiter than the snow.

Scotch Version.

HOWBEIT, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.

2 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

3 Of sin, because they believe not on me.

4 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas;

5 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

6 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

7 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

8 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance.

9 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

10 Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice, and he went out and wept bitterly.

11 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed.

12 Thou Son of Man, show the house to the house of Israel; that they may be ashamed of their iniquities, and let them measure the pattern.

13 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

14. Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?

15 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

16 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened to the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

17 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

18 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

DOXOLOGY.

Let God the Father, and the Son,
And Spirit, be adored,
Where there are works to make Him known,
Or saints to love the Lord!

Prayer.—Lesson LX.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, God over all, blessed forever, we desire to worship Thee. But Thou art the infinitely holy one, and archangels veil their faces when they stand in Thy presence. We are unholy, and our manifold transgressions have justly excluded us from all direct communion with Thee; and, although Thou hast opened a new and living way of access through the death of Thy Son, yet, such is the hardness of the natural heart, and such the blindness of the carnal mind, that we will not walk in that way, unless Thou, O God, shalt incline us.

We cannot perceive the excellencies of Thy character—we cannot see the justice of what Thy perfect law requires, unless enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we cannot feel the enormity of our guilt in sinning against Thee, until we are convicted by the Holy Ghost—until the stony heart is made to feel, and the mental vision is made clear. We implore Thee, therefore, most merciful God, for Christ's sake, that the convincing and renewing influences of the Holy Spirit may be imparted unto us, so that, feeling our guilt and our peril, we may flee unto Jesus, and through faith in Him, be pardoned and accepted as children of Thy adoption. We beseech Thee also, that we may not only be pardoned and regenerated, but that through a living union with Christ, we may receive that life which is hid with Him in God, and by its transforming power, we may be changed into His own heavenly similitude.

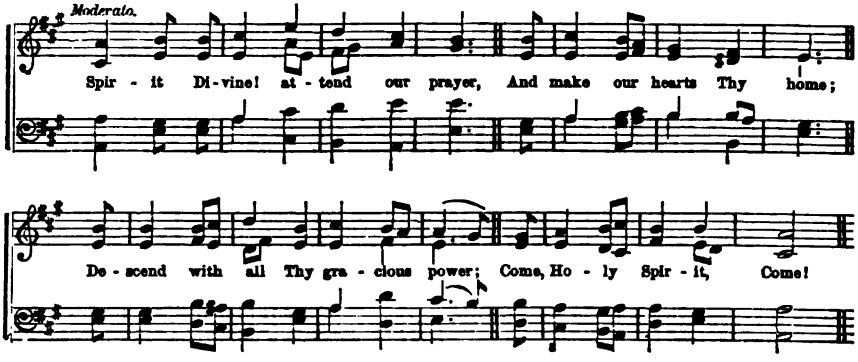
May we all have that godly sorrow which worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of, a sorrow which in the end will bring eternal joy through Jesus Christ. We pray Thee to aid our yet immature minds to understand Thy Word and Will. Educate not only our intellectual powers, but also the conscience and the heart.

Give us day by day not only our daily bread, but also food for the spirit, that we may grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Bless our parents, and all our dear friends, and may we all so walk in the ways of the Lord, that we may be reunited in Thy heavenly kingdom. Remember in mercy all the schools of this land. We thank Thee that Thou hast founded and cherished them. May the scholars and the teachers receive daily Thy blessing.

Bless all our rulers and legislators. May they all rule and legislate in the fear of Thee. Bless and deliver the poor and the oppressed, here and every where. Keep us in the hour of temptation, support us in trial and sorrow; aid us in every duty; and finally receive us to Thyself, ransomed and sanctified through Jesus Christ our Lord. To whom with the Father and Holy Spirit, be praise and glory forever. Amen.

Charles B. Boynton.

The Holy Spirit Reveals **DEDHAM. C. M.** *Christ as our only Saviour.*



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SPIRIT Divine! attend our prayer,
And make our hearts Thy home;
Descend with all Thy gracious power:
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light: to us reveal
Our sinfulness and woe;
And lead us in those paths of life
Where all the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts,
Like sacrifical flame:
Let our whole soul an offering be
To our Redeemer's name.

4 Spirit Divine, attend our prayer,
And make our hearts Thy home;
Descend with all Thy gracious power:
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Reed.

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BEFORE me still the Lord I set,
Since it is so that He
Doth ever stand at my right hand,
I shall not moved be.

2 Because of this my heart is glad,
And joy shall be exprest
Ev'n by my glory; and my flesh
In confidence shall rest.

3 Because my soul in grave to dwell
Shall not be left by Thee;
Nor wilt Thou give Thine Holy One
Corruption's power to see.

4 Thou wilt me show the path of life:
Of joys there is full store
Before Thy face; at Thy right hand
Are pleasures evermore.

Scotch Version.

THE next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!

2 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man, which is preferred before me; for he was before me.

3 And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel; therefore am I come, baptizing with water.

4 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him; and I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

5 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

6 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning.

7 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

8 Jesus saith unto his disciples, Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?

9 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist, some Elias, and others Jeremias.

10 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

11 Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

12 It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

13 Therefore said I unto you that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

14 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life? and we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

15 Jesus said, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

16 The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things. He shall testify of me.

17 When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.

18 Ananias said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

19 Whom have I in heaven, but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

Prayer.—Lesson LXI.

ETERNAL Spirit, God of truth! Thou who art the Source of all light, the Fountain of knowledge and goodness; we praise Thee for Thy continual mercies unto us, Thine unworthy creatures.

We thank Thee for all the blessings of our lot, but especially for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by whose aid we may be kept from every error and guided into the paths of truth and holiness.

Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, that, according to the promise of our blessed Saviour, the Comforter may teach us all things, and quicken within us the remembrance of our Master's teachings. And, that our hearts may be open and prepared for the reception of Thy law, reveal unto us, through the Holy Ghost, the exceeding love of Christ.

Beholding in Him the Sacrifice for our many sins, the Ransom for our guilty souls; may the sight of such love, of such sufferings borne for us, awaken true contrition, sincere faith, and warm devotion.

Unless we know the Lord Jesus Christ as our Redeemer, we know nothing aright. If we are not made partakers of His spotless righteousness, then we are indeed poor, and blind, and naked. We implore Thee, therefore, O Lord our God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, to shine in all our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Forbid that any of us should be of those who love darkness rather than light; who, when the true light shineth, neither comprehend it nor desire its healing beams. Help us to overcome indwelling sin and temptation, in whatever form it may come. O, let us never grieve Thy Holy Spirit, by whom alone are we regenerated, enlightened, sanctified, and sealed.

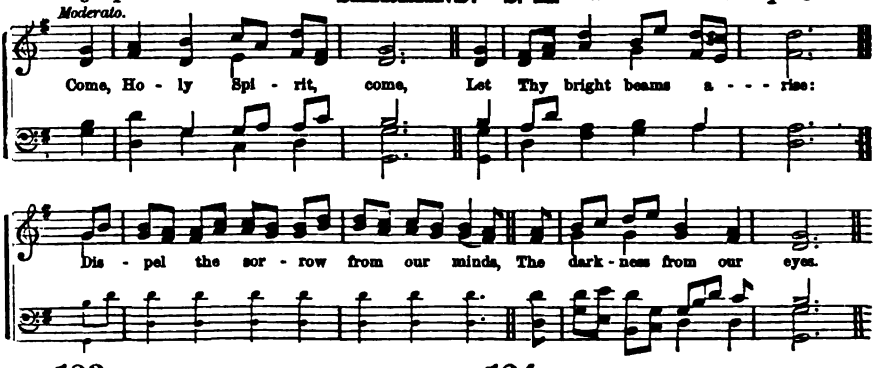
Enable us to watch as those who must give account for all privileges and blessings bestowed. May we, (this day,) increase in useful knowledge and in virtue, that so we may become truly wise. Especially may we grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom to know aright is life eternal. And when death shall disclose the vanity of earthly things, and unveil the great realities of eternity, may we, through grace, behold our Redeemer as He is, and so be wholly like Him!

Bless, we pray Thee, this school, this entire community, and our beloved land. Send the light of truth into all the earth. Remember with Thy tender mercies the poor, the suffering, the afflicted, and may the sorrows of this transitory life be lighted up by the priceless love of Christ.

Accept our praises, and our petitions, through the name of Thy Son, our Redeemer, to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

J. H. Edwards.

The Holy Spirit Persuades and **SHIRLAND. S. M.** *Enables us to Accept Christ.*



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COME, Holy Spirit, come!
Let Thy bright beams arise:
Dispel the sorrow from our minds,
The darkness from our eyes.

2 Convince us of our sin;
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wondering view reveal
The secret love of God.

3 Revive our drooping faith,
Our doubts and fears remove,
And kindle in our breasts the flame
Of never-dying love.

4 'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life in every part,
And new-create the whole.

Hart.

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LORD God, the Holy Ghost,
In this accepted hour,
As on the day of Pentecost,
Descend in all Thy power.

2 We meet with one accord
In our appointed place,
And wait the promise of the Lord,
The Spirit of all grace.

3 Like mighty rushing wind
Upon the waves beneath,
Move with one impulse every mind,
One soul, one feeling, breathe.

4 The young, the old inspire
With wisdom from above;
And give us hearts and tongues of fire
To pray, and praise, and love.

Montgomery.

JESUS answered, No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him.

2 It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

3 Many of the people, therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

4 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

5 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

6 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

7 That which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit, is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou heareth the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God:

10 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

11 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater, for this is the witness of God, which he hath testified of his Son.

12 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

13 And we have seen and do testify, that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

14 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal, that God is true.

15 John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence.

17 Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me.

18 When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they had assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and spake the word of God with boldness.

19 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

20 As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

21 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Prayer.—Lesson LXII.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God,—the Holy One of Israel, Thou art in every place, beholding the evil and the good, and cognizant of all we think, and speak, and do.

We humbly confess that we have rebelled against Thee, and wandered from Thy ways, and that we are not able by our own strength to return, or reinstate ourselves in Thy favor. We merit Thine indignation and wrath, and everlasting banishment from Thy presence and glory. But we humbly entreat Thee to enlighten us in the knowledge of Thy truth, and more and more strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit to come unto Thee, and do Thou have mercy upon us for Jesus' sake.

We have followed the corrupt propensities of our own depraved nature, and gone very far astray, like lost sheep; yet in Thy mercy do not repulse us, as we deserve, to a returnless distance from Thy favor, but for Christ's sake, who gave Himself for us, absolve our guilt, and cleanse our hearts from all unrighteousness. May we be born of Thy Spirit, and made meet to enter into Thy kingdom, and dwell in Thy presence, where there is fulness of joy, and dwell at Thy right hand, where there are pleasures for evermore. And may Thy Holy Spirit bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, so that we may know that we dwell in Him and He in us, and set to our seal that God is true, because He hath given us of His Spirit.

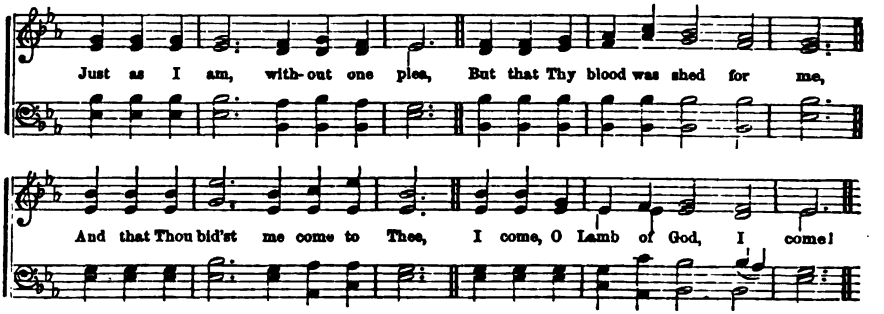
We adore and praise Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast invited us to taste and see that Thou art good, so that we may prove by blessed experience the genuineness of Thine own revealed will, and the reality and power of pure and undefiled religion. And now, we beseech Thee, O our Father in heaven, to stir us up to embrace heartily and immediately our exalted privileges, and for grace to obey the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, that we may be made free from the law of sin and death, and receive the Spirit which is of God, that we may know the things that are freely given us of God.

Grant Thy blessing upon all mankind, O Lord, and that Thy Spirit may go forth like a mighty rushing wind, and sweep away every obstacle to the universal diffusion of the blessed gospel, so that the millions of our fallen race may be led by the Spirit of God, and become the sons of God.

Mercifully grant these and all needed favors; and unto Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be all the glory in Christ Jesus, forever. Amen.

J. A. Gere.

Christ is Offered to us Freely, **MILTON. L. M.** *Immediately—as we are.*



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JUST as I am,—without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
I come, O Lamb of God, I come!

2 Just as I am—and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am—though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within, and fears without—
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind:
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe—
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am—Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, *Thine alone,*
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

Miss Elliott.

THIS is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

2 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people.

3 Wherefore, also, it is contained in the Scripture, Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious; and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

4 The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said unto him, Zaccheus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come into this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

8 Verily, I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

9 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

10 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

11 Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

12 This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life.

13 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying. If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.

14 If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

15 For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost.

16 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

17 He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved: but he that believeth not, shall be damned.

18 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk, without money and without price.

19 The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst, come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Prayer.—Lesson LXIII.

ALL-WISE and ever-present God, who dwellest in light, and with whom is no darkness, deign, in Thine infinite mercy, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to lift on us the light of Thy countenance, forgive our sins, sanctify our affections, elevate our purposes, and confirm us in Thy holy ways.

Give us to realize Thy presence, that we shall walk in fear before Thee. Make us truly grateful for the age in which we live, and for the free and happy country in which we were born. Especially do we thank Thee for the revelation of the glorious gospel of Thy Son, in whose merits we trust for Eternal Life.

May the fervor of our gratitude rise to the richness of Thy mercy; and as in Thy benign providence Thou hast granted us special opportunities for improvement in human learning, imbue us also and ever "with that fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom."

We are verily guilty in Thy sight, and deserve Thy wrath and condemnation.

Our hearts are polluted, our thoughts impure, and our aims low and grovelling. We fail to discern the glory of Thy nature, and the beauty of holiness. Bitter memories of the past bring to view wasted hours, slighted mercies, neglected duties and wilful transgressions. We look forward in dread of Thine anger, and in awe of Thy just punishments.

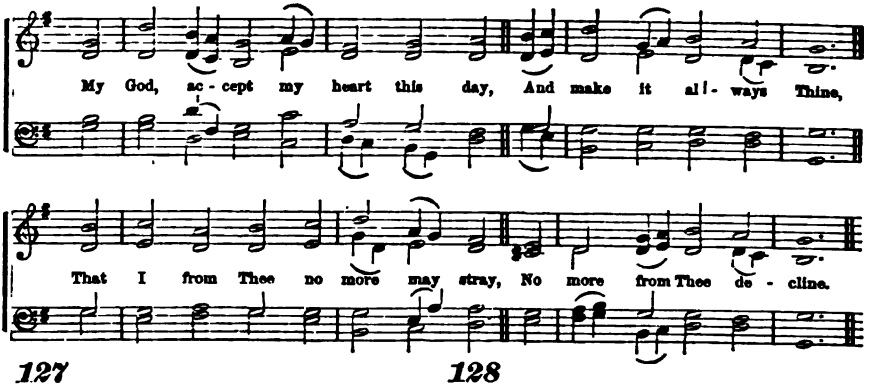
Oh God, have mercy upon us, for in Thee alone is our help found. And there is mercy with Thee that Thou mayest be feared. Thou hast laid help on One mighty to save. Unable to cleanse our pollution, or atone for our sins, and all undeserving of any good from Thee, we yet come to Thy mercy-seat and plead the merits of Thy Son, and the invitations of Thy Gospel. We yield to that Holy Spirit whose office it is to renew the heart.

We rest for justification on the blood of Jesus Christ, "which cleanseth from all sin." Like Mary, we sit down at the feet of Jesus to learn His will and obtain His grace, that we may obey His commandments. Like Zaccheus, we receive joyfully to our hearts Him who came to seek and to save them that are lost. In no strength or worthiness of our own, but in Him who is a present, all-sufficient and ever-willing Saviour, in life, and in death, do we put our trust, and in heaven will sing, "not unto us, but to Thy name, be the glory of our salvation."

Most merciful Father, by Thine own presence, through the mercy of Thy Spirit, work Thou in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure, and if Thou hast begun a good work in us, perform it unto the day of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Thomas Brainerd.

When we should **STEPHENS. C. M.** *Receive Christ—Now.*



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MY God, accept my heart this day,
And make it always Thine,
That I from Thee no more may stray,
No more from Thee decline.

2 Before the cross of Him who died,
Behold I prostrate fall:
Let every sin be crucified,
Let Christ be all in all.

3 Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,
Adopt me for Thine own,
That I may see Thy glorious face
And worship at Thy throne.

4 Let every thought, and work, and word,
To Thee be ever given,
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,
And death the gate of heaven!

Ancient.

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THOU my sure portion art alone,
Which I did choose, O Lord:
I have resolv'd, and said, that I
Would keep Thy holy word.

2 With my whole heart I did entreat
Thy face and favor free:
According to Thy gracious word
Be merciful to me.

3 I thought upon my former ways,
And did my life well try;
And to Thy testimonies pure
My feet then turned I.

4 I did not stay, nor linger long,
As those that slothful are;
But hastily Thy laws to keep
Myself I did prepare.

Scotch Version.

WATCH ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

2 John stood and two of his disciples; and looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

3 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

4 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea.

5 And he saith unto them, Follow me! and they straightway left their nets and followed him.

6 And going on thence, he saw two other brethren, James, the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, in a ship with Zebedee, their father, mending nets, and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

7 And as he passed by, he saw Levi, the son of Alpheus, sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me! And he arose and followed him.

8 A certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. Another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

9 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

10 Another said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go and bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

11 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

12 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be.

13 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

14 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.

15 But exhort one another daily, while it is called to-day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

16 While it is said, To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

17 He hath said, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

18 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Prayer.—Lesson LXIV.

O LORD, our God and Saviour, hear our prayers and accept our morning sacrifice, we entreat Thee. Enable us as we worship before Thee, the searcher of hearts, to gather in all wandering thoughts, and set our affections on things above.

We thank Thee for all the blessings with which our cup is daily filled. We feel that Thou, O God, hast created our bodies and souls, and hast made bountiful provision for them.

Every thing beautiful to the eyes, every sweet sound that falls on our ears, every pleasant thing which gratifies our taste, has been prepared for us by Thy loving hand.

Enable us to receive and enjoy each as coming from Thy gracious hand, that we may habitually and lovingly walk with Thee. Reward our parents and teachers for all the care and kindness bestowed on us by them. Make us a comfort and a blessing to them.

Establish the work of our hands day by day in righteousness. Instruct us by Thy Word; guide us by Thy Spirit; overrule and direct our course by Thy gracious providence; keep us back from sin, and incline us to duty, and enable us to grow up into the beauty of holiness in our lives.

We pray Thee, gracious Father, to bless with Thy favor and guidance all our rulers. Build up Thy Church on her most holy faith. Purify her from all that is false in doctrine and sinful in practice.

And we ask Thee to be with us in the labors and recreations of this day, and when our service on earth is ended, receive us to Thy kingdom in heaven for the sake of our dear Redeemer. Amen.

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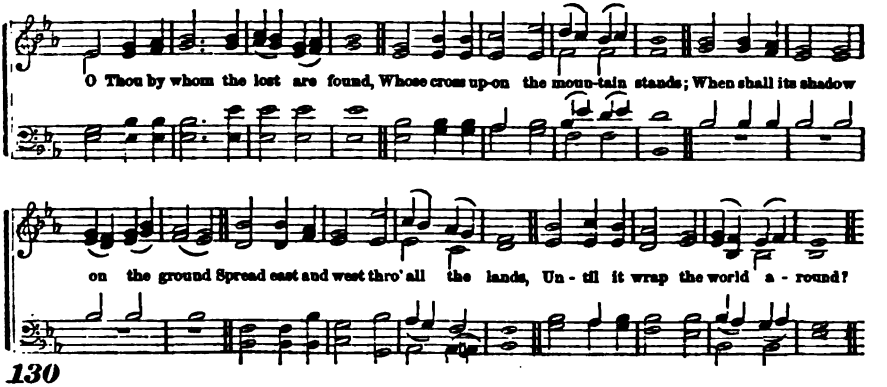

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O THOU by whom the lost are found,
Whose cross upon the mountain stands,
When shall its shadow on the ground
Spread east and west through all the lands,
Until it wrap the world around?

2 O Christ! by this Thy conquering sign,
Let Thine extended arms outreach
To all who dwell from palm to pine,
To bind each human heart to each,
And all, O Crucified! to Thine.

3 The morning stars give forth a song,
But, like a discord in the strain,
The earth, through all her years of wrong,
Forever moans as one in pain,
And cries, How long, O God, how long!

4 Yet not a star that gilds the sky
To Thee hath fairness like the earth,
That rolls her zones before Thine eye,
To show to Heaven Thy place of birth,
And sepulchre where Thou didst lie!

5 O Victor over death and sin!
The heaven of heavens impatient waits
Till round the earth Thy reign begin!
O be ye lifted up, ye gates!
And let the King of Glory in!

Theodore Tilton.

AND being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.

2 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father,

3 Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? There is none like unto thee.

4 The nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

5 His name shall endure forever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

6 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and we will walk in his paths.

7 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee.

8 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee, shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

9 Be wise, now, therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth; serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

10 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.

11 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

12 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

13 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O Most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

14 Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

15 I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man, came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

16 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

17 And he hath on his vesture, and on his thigh, a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

18 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron.

19 The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Prayer.—Lesson LXV.

WE adore Thee, O Lord, as King of kings and Lord of lords, and desire to bow humbly and reverently at the footstool of Thy throne. Thou hast upon Thy head many crowns; Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations: Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever, the sceptre of Thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

We thank Thee, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that because He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, that Thou hast raised Him from the dead and set Him at Thine own right hand in heavenly places, far above all principality and power, and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under His feet.

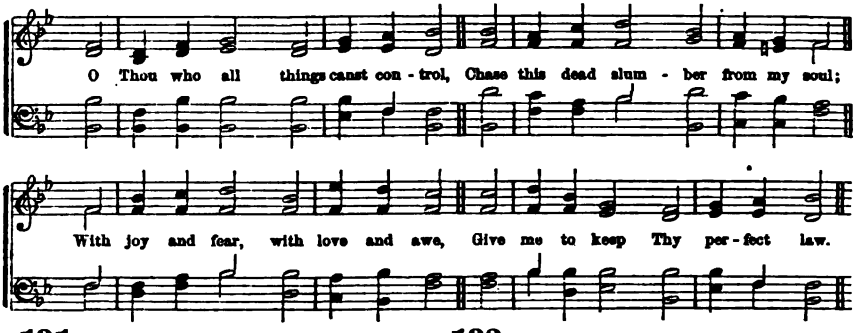
We rejoice that the command has gone forth, that to Him every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Enable us to acknowledge Him as our only Sovereign and Lord. May we be enabled to accept Him as our Prophet, to enlighten our minds, and dispel the darkness that sin has induced; as our great atoning High Priest, to free us from guilt, and cleanse us from all defilements; and as our King, to rule in us, to reign over us, and to subdue all our spiritual foes. Thou hast given Him, O God, the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession; grant that He may take to himself His great power, and reign throughout the whole world.

Destroy, we beseech Thee, with the spirit of Thy mouth and with the brightness of Thy coming, all that opposes the full and final establishment of the kingdom of the Redeemer. Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Most Mighty, with Thy glory and Thy majesty, and in Thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth, and meekness, and righteousness. Hasten, O God, the time when our own beloved and highly favored land shall become Immanuel's land, by acknowledging His authority, recognising His law as the standard of legislation, and by throwing the shield of its protection over His religion. May the glory of the Lord speedily cover the whole earth; may the bright predictions of the prophets be all fulfilled, and that day of millennial light and glory be ushered in, when men shall be blessed in Him, and all nations shall call Him blessed. May voices soon be heard proclaiming, Now is come salvation, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ; the time when men shall be blessed in Him, and all nations shall call Him blessed.

These things we ask in the name, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee, the Father, and Holy Spirit, would we ascribe all the glory, world without end. Amen.

J. R. W. Sloane.



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O THOU who all things canst control,
Chase this dead slumber from my soul;
With joy and fear, with love and awe,
Give me to keep Thy perfect law.

2 O, may one beam of Thy blest light
Shine through my soul, dispel the night;
Touch my cold breast with heavenly fire,
With holy, conquering zeal inspire.

3 With lifted hands and streaming eyes,
Oft I begin to grasp the prize:
I groan, I strive, I watch, I pray;
But, ah! how soon it dies away!

4 The deadly slumber soon I feel
Afresh upon my spirit steal:
Rise, Lord; and grant Thy quickening power,
And wake me that I sleep no more.

Unknown.

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SO let our lips and lives express
The holy gospel we profess;
So let our works and virtues shine,
To prove the doctrine all divine.

2 Thus shall we best proclaim abroad
The honors of our Saviour God;
When His salvation reigns within,
And grace subdues the power of sin.

3 Our flesh and sense must be denied,
Passion and envy, lust and pride;
While justice, temperance, truth, and love,
Our inward piety approve.

4 Religion bears our spirits up,
While we expect that blessed hope,
The bright appearance of the Lord,—
And faith stands leaning on His word.

Watts.

IF any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye appear with him in glory.

5 Put off, concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

6 And put on the new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness.

7 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

8 God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ.

9 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

10 I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you: and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh. and will give them a heart of flesh.

11 As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

12 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

13 Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

14 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God.

15 By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

16 As the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

17 I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing.

18 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Prayer.—Lesson LXVI.

WE WOULD thank Thee, our Father, for Thy goodness to us in the past, and for the care Thou dost constantly exercise over us; that Thy Word is so full of instruction, and that life and immortality are brought to light in it; for the assurance that if any one be in Christ, he is a new creature, and that his life is hid with Christ in God. O, help us to put far away from us whatever is corrupt, according to the deceitful lusts, and create us anew in righteousness and true holiness.

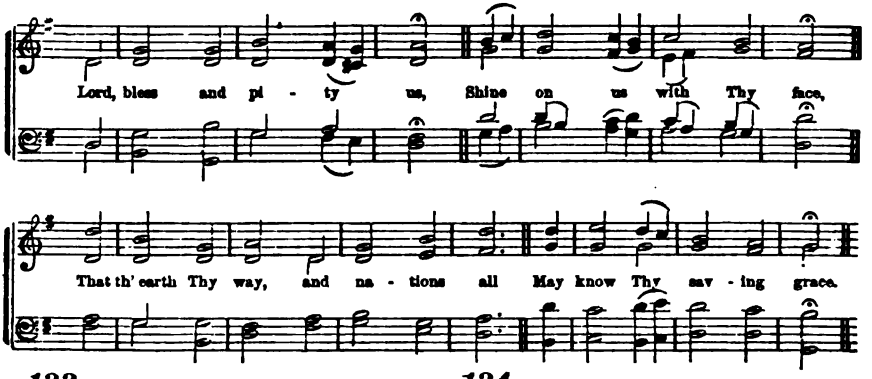
Give us some just appreciation of the new life, and put a new spirit within us. Take from us the heart of stone, and give us a heart of flesh.

Lead us to hunger and thirst after righteousness, and to desire the sincere milk of the Word, that we may grow thereby. May we feel that Thy Word liveth and abideth forever, and, that it becomes us to take it as our guide.

Blessed Saviour, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, may we abide in Thee, and thus bring forth much fruit to Thy honor and glory. And, wilt Thou, O God, who art rich in mercy, for the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us, quicken us together with Christ, and raise us up and make us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

We ask all in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

E. A. Hubbard.



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LORD, bless and pity us,
Shine on us, with Thy face:
That th' earth Thy way, and nations all
May know Thy saving grace.

2 Let people praise Thee, Lord;
Let people all Thee praise.
O let the nations all be glad,
In songs their voices raise:

3 Thou'lt justly people judge,
On earth rule nations all.
Let people praise Thee, Lord; let them
Praise Thee, both great and small.

4 The earth her fruit shall yield,
Our God shall blessing send.
God shall us bless; men shall him fear
Unto earth's utmost end.

Scotch Version.

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STAND up, and bless the Lord,
Ye people of His choice:
Stand up, and bless the Lord your God
With heart, and soul, and voice.

2 Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear His holy name,
And laud and magnify?

3 God is our strength and song,
And His salvation ours;
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.

4 Stand up, and bless the Lord,
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up, and bless His glorious name
Henceforth for evermore.

Montgomery.

JESUS saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

2 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

3 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, Lovest thou me? and he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

4 I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

5 Therefore, I esteem all thy precepts, concerning all things, to be right; and I hate every false way.

6 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

7 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now you see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

8 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world; if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

9 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

10 But his delight is in the law of the LORD: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

11 Let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

12 Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

13 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright.

14 The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

15 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.

16 We love him because he first loved us.

17 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue: but in deed, and in truth.

18 This commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God, loveth his brother also.

Prayer.—Lesson LXVII.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, help us to draw near to Thee by the blood of Jesus, that we may find grace in Thy sight. We are sinful and unworthy, but Thou art merciful, and ready to forgive. Lift upon us the light of Thy countenance, and shed abroad Thy love in our hearts, that we may love Thee who first loved us.

Help us, our Father, to love Thee for what Thou art in Thyself, and for what Thou hast done for us, especially in giving Thine own dear Son to save us from our sins, and to bring us to glory. May we love Jesus in sincerity, and show our love to Him by keeping His commandments. And as we cannot do this of ourselves, we ask Thee to give us the Holy Spirit to work in us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure.

Almighty and most merciful God, who hast given us Thy word to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, wilt Thou so incline our hearts by Thy grace, that we may truly love Thy law and Thy service. Grant that we may esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things to be right, and hate every false way. Enable us to read the Holy Scriptures, persuaded that they are the very word of God, and with a sincere desire to know, believe, and obey Thy will therein revealed. Restrain us, O God, by Thy grace, from walking in the counsel of the ungodly, from standing in the way of sinners, and from sitting in the seat of the scornful. May we delight in the law of the Lord, and meditate in His law day and night. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

Help us to praise Thee, O Lord, and to give thanks to Thy name, for Thou art good, and Thy mercy endureth forever.

Bless all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Prosper Thine own work, plead Thine own cause, and greatly increase the number of those who love and serve Thee. Pour out Thy Spirit upon the youth of our land, and incline them to give their hearts to Thee. Bless our country, and all who are in authority over us, and fill the whole earth with Thy glory.

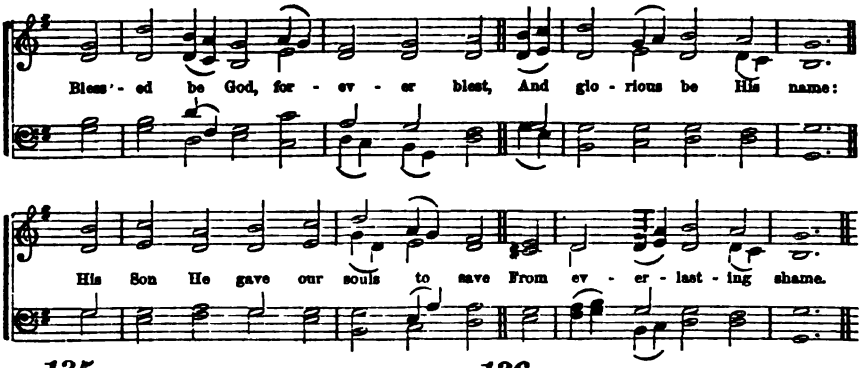
God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us. That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, and let all the ends of the earth fear Thee.

Let Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us grace that we may know, obey, and submit to Thy will in all things, as the angels do in heaven. And whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, help us to do all to Thy glory. Be our God and our guide even unto death, and then take us home to glory. Hear our prayer, O Lord, and bless us, for Christ's sake. Amen.

William Sterrett.

Benefits of an Interest in **STEPHENS. C. M.** *Christ—Present and Future.*



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BLESSED be God! forever blest,
And glorious be His name:
His Son He gave, our souls to save,
From everlasting shame.

2 Th' eternal Life His life laid down—
Such was the wondrous plan—
And Christ, the Son of God, was made
A curse for curséd man!

3 Our flesh He took, our sins He bore,
Himself for us He gave;
His cross was ours, and we with Him
Were buried in one grave.

4 With Him we rose, with Him we live,
With Him we sit above;
With Him forever we shall share
The Father's boundless love.

5 Bless, then, Jehovah's blesséd name;
And bless our glorious King!
And songs of glad deliverance
Forever, ever sing!

Unknown.

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AWAKE, sweet gratitude, and sing
The ascended Saviour's love,
Sing how He lives to carry on
His people's cause above.

2 With cries and tears He offered up
His humble suit below;
But with authority He asks,
Enthroned in glory now.

3 For all that come to God by Him,
Salvation He demands;
Points to their names upon His breast,
And spreads His wounded hands.

4 Eternal life, at His request,
To every saint is given:
Safety below, and after death,
The plenitude of heaven.

Toplady.

DOXOLOGY.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To God whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

BODILY exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

2 Godliness with contentment is great gain.

3 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all.

4 Let no man glory in men; for all things are yours, whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come: all are yours, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

5 We know, that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

6 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

7 Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

8 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him, also, freely give us all things.

9 I will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

10 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

11 Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

12 The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

13 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

14 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.

15 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love:

16 May be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge; that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Prayer.—Lesson LXVIII.

O THOU, who alone art Jehovah, the most high God over all earth! we approach Thee in the name of Jesus Christ Thy Son, and invoke the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, in our endeavors to worship Thee.

Thou hast created us rational and intelligent creatures, capable of knowing, loving, and serving Thee. We are surrounded with the mercies of Thy providence, and richly furnished with the blessings and privileges of Thy grace.

Thou didst not leave us in our sins, without a remedy, but hast laid help upon One who is mighty to save all that come to Thee through Him. In Jesus Christ thy Son, there is fulness of redemption. He has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Through Him it has become possible for Thee to be just and yet the justifier of those who believe in Him.

Great, indeed, are the benefits thus bestowed upon us. What returns shall we make to Thee? We will take the cup of our salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Help us to praise Thee continually with sincere hearts. May our lives be lives of faith upon the Son of God, and of devotedness to His service. May we labor, not for the meat which perisheth, but for that which endureth unto eternal life; knowing that bodily exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable unto all things; having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

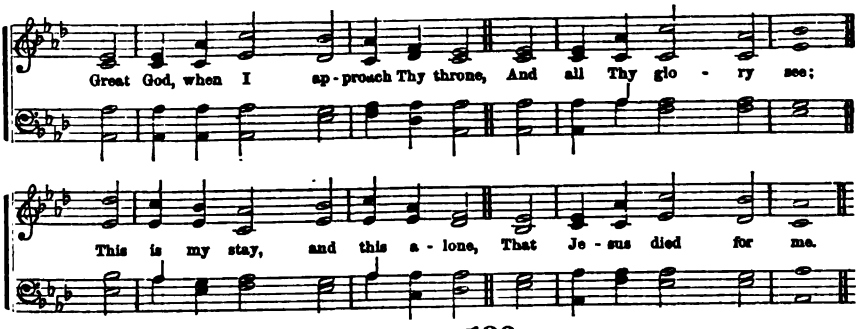
Help us, with patience and hope, continually to look forward to our latter end. If blessings surround our path, may we be properly mindful of the source from which they come. Should adversities befall us, may we endure them with cheerfulness, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Grant us at all times, according to the riches of Thy glory, to be strengthened with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge; that we may be filled with all the fulness of God.

Thus may we, O Lord, continually guided by Thy Holy Spirit, and strengthened by Thy grace for every good word and work, go up through this wilderness-world, leaning on Jesus, the beloved of our souls, that when the conflicts of life shall end, we may rejoice in the victory which Thou givest to Thy children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Samuel R. Fisher.

Justification not by Works, **EVAN. C. M.** *but by Faith.*



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GREAT God, when I approach Thy throne,
And all Thy glory see;
This is my stay, and this alone,
That Jesus died for me.

2 How can a soul condemned to die,
Escape the just decree?
Helpless, and full of sin am I,
But Jesus died for me.

3 Burden'd with sin's oppressive chain,
O how can I get free?
No peace can all my efforts gain,
But Jesus died for me.

4 And, Lord, when I behold Thy face,
This must be all my plea;
Save me by Thy almighty grace,
For Jesus died for me.

Unknown.

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VAIN are the hopes the sons of men
Upon their works have built;
Their hearts by nature are unclean,
Their actions full of guilt.

2 Silent let Jew and Gentile stand,
Without one vaunting word;
And humbled low, confess their guilt
Before Heaven's righteous Lord.

3 No hope can on the law be built
Of justifying grace;
The law that shows the sinner's guilt
Condemns him to his face.

4 Jesus! how glorious is Thy grace!
When in Thy name we trust,
Our faith receives a righteousness,
That makes the sinner just.

Watts.

KNOWING that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

2 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name, whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

4 Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

5 What saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

6 Know ye, therefore, that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

7 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

8 The Scripture foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

9 So then they which be of faith, are blessed with faithful Abraham.

10 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the law.

11 For Christ is the end of the law, for righteousness, to every one that believeth.

12 Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ,

13 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

14 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid. We establish the law.

15 Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

16 A man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

17 That no man is justified by the law, in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

18 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

Prayer.—Lesson LXIX.

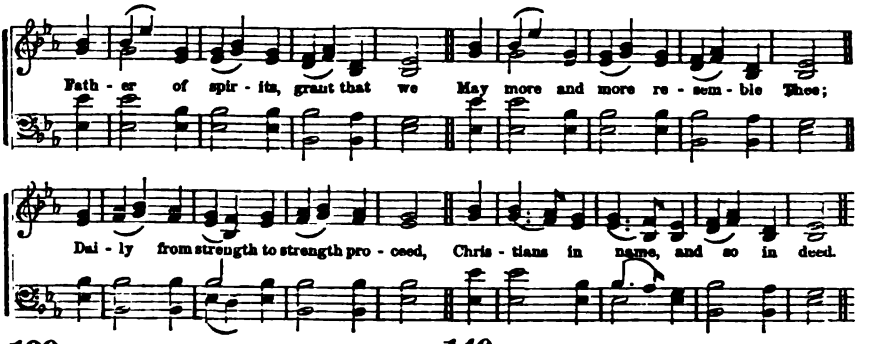
OUR FATHER, who art in Heaven, we thank Thee for the gift of another day, and for all Thine unnumbered benefits; for the power of speech, given to no other animal; for the power to reason, think, remember, imagine, given to us in so much higher degree than to any other animal; for the power of conscience, whereby we know right and wrong; for the power to be joyful, to have love, hope, and gratitude; we thank Thee, as for these inward faculties, so for this body of ours, with its curious and wonderful mechanism, which obeys our will, which shares in our joys, which ministers to our pleasures and to our higher occupations and enjoyments, by which we hear, and see, and taste, and smell, by which we move and act; we thank Thee that Thou keepest all these powers to us in full possession from day to day; that we have not become deaf, or blind, or lost the power of motion; that we have not gone mad, or lost our reason and self-control; we thank Thee for food and raiment, for friends and home, for school and church, and for our dear native land, for being born on American soil, among free institutions, and under equal laws; but, above all, do we bless Thee for that gift which alone makes all other gifts precious,—for Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and the hope of eternal life through Him.

Alas! O Lord, we are great sinners. In not one moment of our lives, in not one act, not even in our holiest, have we lived fully up to the requirements of Thy perfect law. We have not loved Thee with supreme affection. Yea, we have been alienated from Thee. Our hearts have been opposed to Thee, and we have been carnal, worldly, selfish, setting our affections on the things of this present time, which perish with the using, and neglecting, despising, rejecting those spiritual, heavenly, eternal, satisfying joys which Thou hast offered; yea, despising and rejecting the eternal Son of God, by whose blood these blessings were purchased!

Lord, forgive us our great sin. For Christ's sake be at peace with us. We are utterly unworthy. Our plea is, not for our sake, but for His sake, for Thine own name's sake, have mercy and forgive. Thou art not as other sovereigns, giving does not impoverish Thee.

O grant us largely and bounteously from Thine infinite stores. Strengthen and stablish us in every good word and work. Let Thy love dwell in us, a constant spring of joy and peace, of good thoughts and precious affections, of right and pleasant words, and of upright, holy deeds. Help us in this special end of getting knowledge. Keep us from forming bad habits of thought and study. May we learn to fix our attention, to judge rightly, to remember firmly; and may all the knowledge we acquire, all the power we gain, be spent to the honor of Thy great name, and all the glory shall be to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost forever. Amen.

John S. Hart.



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FATHER of spirits, grant that we
May more and more resemble Thee;
Daily from strength to strength proceed,
Christians in name, and so in deed.

2 In our whole lives may we express
The truth and energy of grace;
A lively faith, an humble fear,
And be in truth what we appear.

3 By our exact obedience show
What we to Thy rich mercy owe;
And thus a bright example give
To teach the world how they should live.

4 Not tire, nor stop, but still press on,
To finish well the course begun;
And then receive the great reward,
For such, and only such prepared.

Beddome.

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O GOD, Thou art my God alone;
My soul to Thee shall cry;
A pilgrim in a land unknown,
A thirsty land, whose springs are dry.

2 When in the watches of the night,
I Thee remember on my bed,
Thy presence makes the darkness light,
Thy guardian wings are round my head.

3 More sweet than life itself, Thy love,
And dearer than all else to me;
For whom have I in heaven above,
Or what on earth, compared with Thee?

4 With all my heart, my mind, my voice,
I'll praises for Thy mercy give;
My soul shall still in God rejoice,
My tongue shall bless Thee while I live.

Montgomery.

AS the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

2 What then? shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

3 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

4 It shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments, before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

5 LORD, Who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

6 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness.

7 I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments, which if a man do he shall even live in them.

8 He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

9 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these, which hear the word of God, and do it.

10 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

11 For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

12 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

13 For God is not unrighteous, to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

14 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

15 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also.

17 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

18 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him that thou makest thy ways perfect?

19 When ye shall have done all these things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants, we have done that which was our duty to do.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer.—Lesson LXX.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven.

O, holy Father, let Thy kingdom come in our *hearts*, and Thy will be done in our *lives*, that we may be neither barren nor unfruitful in good works, which Thou hast ordained that we should walk therein. Suffer us not to live unto ourselves, but unto Him that died for us—the just for the unjust—to bring us to God.

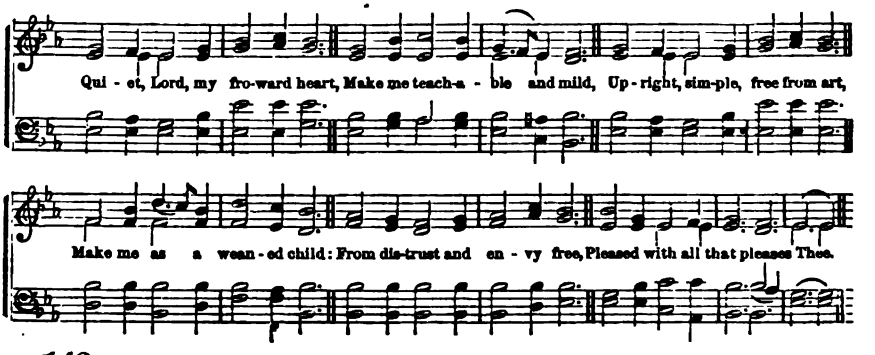
O Lord, our God, we ask wisdom to direct us, and a fervent spirit to animate us in all our attempts to do Thy will. May we feel that to exalt Thy name, is our reasonable service. Whether we eat, or drink, or whatsoever we do, may we do all to Thy glory. As we are of yesterday, and know nothing, O gracious God, let Thy Holy Spirit guide us into all truth. Preserve us from all error. Uphold us in integrity. May we shine as lights in the midst of a wicked generation. By faith in Thy dear Son, may we overcome the world, the flesh, and the evil one; and as the tree planted by the river of water, bringeth forth his fruit in his season, so may we, as trees of righteousness, bear much fruit, that Thou mayest be glorified. We know that without Thee we can do nothing; but if Thy Spirit help our infirmities, we can do all Thy will concerning us.

Bestow on us, blessed Lord, Thy grace abundantly. Perfect Thy strength in our weakness. May we constantly abide in Thee, and Thy word abide in us. Let Thy will be done in us in every condition of life, and in every call of duty, whether joyous or grievous.

O blessed Lord, fill the whole earth with Thy knowledge and Thy glory. Extend the saving influence of the gospel to every land and every nation under the whole heavens. Turn the hearts of the Jews to Jesus, the true Messiah, and bring in the fulness of the Gentiles. O hasten it in its time. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children, and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it, to the honor of Thy most holy name.

All power is given unto Thee, most adorable Saviour, both in heaven and on earth. We, therefore, ask all these mercies in Thy name—unto whom, with the Father and Holy Spirit, be endless praise. Amen.

J. H. Kennard.



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QUIET, Lord, my froward heart,
Make me teachable and mild,
Upright, simple, free from art,
Make me as a weanéd child:
From distrust and envy free,
Pleased with all that pleases Thee.

2 What Thou shalt to-day provide,
Let me as a child receive;
What to-morrow may betide,
Calmly to Thy wisdom leave:
'Tis enough that Thou wilt care;
Why should I the burden bear?

3 As a little child relies
On a care beyond his own,
Knows he's neither strong nor wise,
Fears to stir a step alone;
Let me thus with Thee abide,
As my Father, Guard, and Guide.

4 Thus preserved from Satan's wiles,
Safe from dangers, free from fears,
May I live upon Thy smiles,
Till the promised hour appears,
When the sons of God shall prove
All their Father's boundless love.

Newton.

WILT not thou from this time cry unto me, My Father, thou art the guide of my youth?

2 I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage? I said, Thou shalt call me My Father: and shalt not turn away from me.

3 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.

4 Wherefore, thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

5 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son unto your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

6 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

7 Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

8 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

9 I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the LORD Almighty.

10 For ye are all the children of God, by faith in Christ Jesus.

11 As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

12 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.

13 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know, that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

14 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

15 And every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

16 It shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people: there shall they be called, the children of the living God.

17 As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

18 Be ye, therefore, followers of God as dear children.

19 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise the name of God most high;
Praise Him, all below the sky;
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
As through countless ages past,
Evermore His praise shall last.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXI.

"O THOU that hearest prayer," our Father in heaven, we bow with reverence and humble adoration before Thee. 'Tis in Thee "we live, and move, and have our being." And we bless and praise Thy great and holy name for the privilege of coming to Thee, and calling Thee our Father.

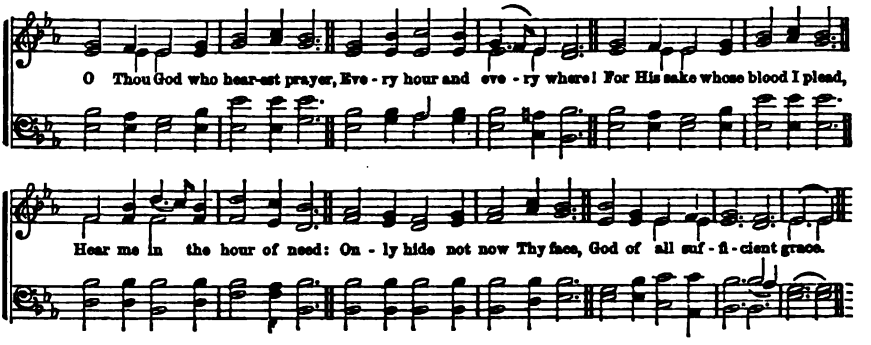
We come with humble confession, for we have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and are not worthy to be called Thy children. We have often forgotten Thee and followed the desires of our own hearts, and have wandered far away from the path of duty; but Thou, O Lord, art merciful and kind. We come in the name of Thy Son, our Saviour. Hear us for His sake, pardon our sins, and remove far from us our transgressions. We come, our Father, to lift our hearts to Thee in gratitude and thanksgiving for Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy to us. We thank Thee for life and health, for food, and raiment, and friends.

We thank Thee for the means and opportunities we have for improving our minds. We thank Thee for the fountains of knowledge which are opened for our use. We thank Thee especially for the Bible, and we pray that it may prove a "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path."

O Lord, we entreat Thee to bless this school. Let Thy blessing rest upon each one of us—teacher and taught. Grant unto Thy servant wisdom and strength for every duty. O make these youth the peculiar objects of Thy care. May their lives and their health be precious in Thy sight. May they remember Thee, their Creator, in the days of their youth. May they seek Thee early and find Thee. Save them, O God, from the destructive influences of a sinful world, and from the temptations of their own hearts. May they early become "by faith in Jesus Christ," truly "children of God, adopted into Thy family, trusting in Thee with a filial confidence, obedient to Thy will, guided by Thy counsels, led by Thy Spirit, enjoying the smiles of Thy face, and the consciousness of Thy love. May we all be "Heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." Bless all those who are near and dear to us, our friends and relatives. Bless our country and all the nations of the earth; and hasten the time when the light of science, and the light of the Gospel shall fill the whole earth.

Guide us, O God, through the journey of life, and after death receive us into glory for Jesus' sake. Amen.

O. C. Wight.



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O THOU God who hearest prayer,
Every hour and every where!
For His sake, whose blood I plead,
Hear me in my hour of need:
Only hide not now Thy face,
God of all-sufficient grace!

2 Hear and save me, gracious Lord,
For my Trust is in Thy word;
Wash me from the stain of sin,
That Thy peace may rule within:
May I know myself Thy child,
Ransomed, pardoned, reconciled.

3 Dearest Lord! may I so much
As Thy garment's hem but touch,
Or but raise my languid eye,
To the cross where Thou didst die,
It shall make my spirit whole,—
It shall heal and save my soul.

4 Leave me not, my Strength, my Trust!
O, remember I'm but dust!
Leave me not again to stray;
Leave me not the tempter's prey:
Fix my heart on things above;
Make me happy in Thy love.

Conder.

IN time past, ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

2 Among whom, also, we all had our conversation in times past, in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh, and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

3 At that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.

4 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

5 The good man is perished out of the earth; and there is none upright among men.

6 What then! are we better than they? No, in no wise; for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin.

7 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

8 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no not one.

9 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God; corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

10 Every one of them is gone back; they are altogether become filthy: there is none that doeth good; no, not one.

11 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

12 Ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.

13 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable: there is none that doeth good; no, not one.

14 Now we know, that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

15 Therefore, by the deeds of the law, there shall no flesh be justified in his sight.

16 We ourselves, also, were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

17 The LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now, therefore, let me alone, that I may consume them.

18 He, that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise the name of God most high;
Praise Him, all below the sky;
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
As through countless ages past,
Evermore His praise shall last.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXII.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Searcher of all hearts, behold, we pray Thee, with compassion, these, Thy servants, who now approach the throne of Thy grace. We are truly sensible of our unworthiness in Thy sight, and with unfeigned lips, confess and lament that, in time past we have walked according to the course of this world, fulfilling the desires of a depraved appetite, and the suggestions of a perverted mind. We have discarded the counsels of Thy word, and estranged ourselves from right paths.

Humbled with a sense of our guilt, and conscious of our manifold transgressions of Thy laws, we implore Thy divine clemency and the remission of all our offences. O Lord, in the midst of wrath remember mercy. Cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Almighty God, the benign Author of light and life, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast been pleased to make known Thy ways unto men, and Thy saving grace unto all people. We adore Thee for the matchless gift of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. We magnify Thy goodness which continually displays itself in the illuminating, convicting, regenerating, and sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost.

Holy Father, we desire not to live alien from Thee, and strangers to that peace which is begotten of Thee. Our ardent prayer is—"Create in *us* clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us."

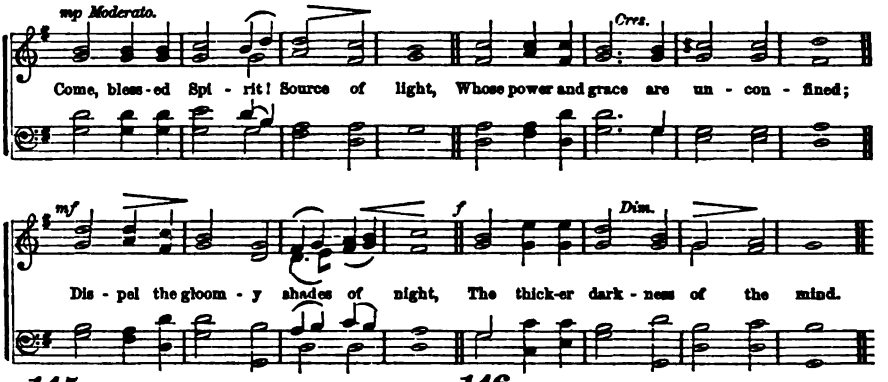
We give ourselves to Thee, our Father, in a holy covenant, and we beseech Thee, continue evermore in us a lively remembrance of our engagement. In every trial let Thy grace be our sufficiency,—in every conflict with sin, give us the victory through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Lord God, Creator and Father of all men, send forth Thy saving truth, and give it access to all hearts, and let the trophies of the cross be continually augmented, and souls be filled with the joy of Thy saints.

Send down, O Lord, upon all colleges and seminaries of learning the healthful influence of Thy grace. Imbue professors and teachers with the wisdom which cometh from above, that so, instruction being sanctified by religion, the moral as well as the intellectual improvement of the youth in their charge may be secured. May intelligence and uprightness, ability and piety, characterize the youth of our land, that, growing up to manhood thus, they may prove the nation's glory and her safeguards.

Accept, O Lord, our unfeigned thanks for all Thy mercies, guide us throughout all our days to Thy praise, allot for us all our changes, and finally receive us into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

H. M. Bickel.



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COME, blessed Spirit! Source of light,
Whose power and grace are unconfined,
Dispel the gloomy shades of night,
The thicker darkness of the mind.

2 To mine illumined eyes display
The glorious truths Thy word reveals;
Cause me to run the heavenly way;
The book unfold, and loose the seals.

3 Thine inward teachings make me know,
The mysteries of redeeming love,
The vanity of things below,
The excellence of things above.

4 While through this dubious maze I stray,
Spread, like the sun, Thy beams abroad:
Oh, show the dangers of the way,
And guide my feeble steps to God.

Beddome.

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COME, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide,
O'er every thought and step preside.

2 The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and choose Thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may ne'er depart.

3 Lead us to holiness—the road
Which we must take to dwell with God;
Lead us to Christ, the living way,
Nor let us from His pastures stray.

4 Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with Him forever blest;
Lead us to heaven, its bliss to share—
Fulness of joy forever there!

Browne.

IN that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

2 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

3 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins: let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright.

4 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

5 We are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

6 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

8 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

9 For if the blood of bulls, or of goats, and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh,

10 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

11 Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

12 We all, with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

13 Now he that hath wrought us for the self-same thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

14 Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

15 Put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

16 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

17 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

18 For which cause we faint not, but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

19 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee. They go from strength to strength; every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXIII.

OUR FATHER, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thou art holy and righteous altogether. Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. But we have sinned against Heaven and in Thy sight, and we are not worthy to be called Thy children. Even our own hearts condemn us, and Thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things. Our iniquities are before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance, and we cannot escape from Thy presence. We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, to make us sensible of our sinfulness, that we may humble ourselves under Thy mighty hand.

We thank Thee that Thy mercy has not left us to perish in our guilt, under the condemnation of Thy holy law. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son to be our Redeemer and Saviour—that Thou hast made Him who knew no sin to be made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him; that He ever liveth to make intercession for us,—to be our Advocate with the Father, that we might gain the heavenly inheritance purchased by His blood.

We thank Thee for Thy Holy Spirit, sent down to convince us of our sinfulness, of thy righteousness, and of a judgment to come; and to be the Guide, Counsellor and Comforter of all Thy believing children.

We thank Thee for Thy inspired word to teach us the way to holiness and Heaven.

Help us, O Lord, our Heavenly Father, so to avail ourselves of these inestimable blessings, that they may bring to each of us, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Write Thy law upon our hearts; engrave Thy precepts upon our minds, that our motives may be pure, and that the springs of our actions may be in unison with Thy will. Enlighten our minds, that we may behold the wondrous things of Thy law, and feel the force of its claims upon us.

Help us to look with penitence and faith upon Him who suffered for our sins in His own body, and may we earnestly labor and pray to be like Him, pure in heart, holy in purpose, and blameless in life.

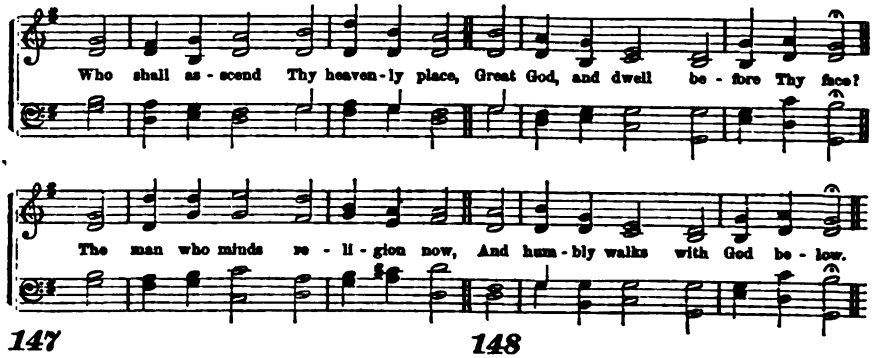
Deliver us, we pray Thee, from the snares of the wicked one, from our corrupt nature, from the seductions of sinful pleasures, from the power of evil habits, and from all unlawful affections and desires.

Create within us a clean heart, renew within us a right spirit, that we, being born from above, and being made partakers of the divine nature, may arrive at that state of purity and holiness which will fit us for the inheritance of the saints in light, and for the joys that dwell in Thy presence.

Strengthen us with every needed grace both to do, and to suffer Thy will, that by well-ordered lives and godly deportment we may seek to bring others to a saving knowledge of Thy ways.

We humbly beseech Thee to forgive us our sin, and to fit us for the duties now before us; and may each moment, as it passes, leave us so employed that we shall be happy in the consciousness that Thou, God, seest us. Prepare us, we pray Thee, for the cares and trials, the joys and sorrows, and for all the responsibilities of our season of probation on earth, and for an abundant entrance, at last, into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

N. W. Benedict.



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WHO shall ascend Thy heavenly place,
Great God, and dwell before Thy face?
The man who minds religion now,
And humbly walks with God below:

2 Whose hands are pure, whose heart is clean;
Whose lips still speak the thing they mean;
No slanders dwell upon his tongue:
He hates to do his neighbor wrong.

3 He loves his enemies, and prays
For those who curse him to his face;
And does to all men still the same
That he would hope or wish from them.

4 Yet when his holiest works are done,
His soul depends on grace alone:
This is the man Thy face shall see,
And dwell forever, Lord, with Thee.

Watts.

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O FATHER of unclouded light,
We pray Thee, kneeling in Thy sight,
From all defilement to be freed,
And every sinful act and deed.

2 In Jesus' name we cry to Thee,
To wash out our iniquity:
And give us, of Thy boundless grace,
The blessings of the heavenly place.

3 May we, thence exiled by our sin,
At last with joy be welcomed in:
That blessed time awaiting now,
With hymns of glory here we bow.

4 O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally.

Ancient.

PETER saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

2 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

3 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

4 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

5 Now the God of peace make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ.

6 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

7 According as he hath chosen us in him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before him in love.

8 As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

9 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

10 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins, and in him is no sin.

11 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

12 He that committeth sin is of the devil, for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

13 He that keepeth his commandments, dwelleth in him, and he in him.

14 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good, is of God; but he that doeth evil, hath not seen God.

15 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

16 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still, and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

17 There shall in no wise enter into it, any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie.

18 Seeing, then, that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be, in all holy conversation and godliness?

Prayer.—Lesson LXXIV.

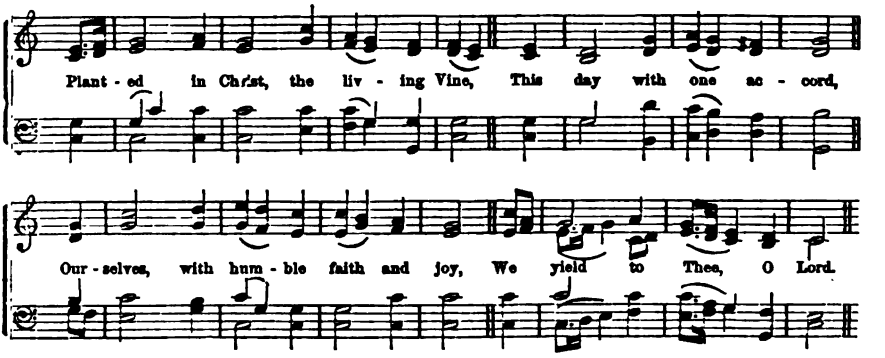
O THOU who art the Most High over all the earth, holy and reverend is Thy name. With reverence may we bow in Thy presence. Who shall not fear before Thee in view of Thy terrible majesty and glorious excellence. Behold the heavens are not clean in thy sight; Thine angels Thou chargest with folly. But we are vile, unholy and impure in heart, and sinful in all our ways. There is none righteous, none that doeth good; no, not one.

Have mercy upon us, O God of our salvation, and according to thy tender mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create within us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. O, for the renewing, sanctifying, saving influences of Thy Spirit, to prepare us for the habitation of Thy holiness, that we may behold Thy face in righteousness, when we shall drop this body of sin, and awake from the sleep of death with Thy likeness, to behold the vision of God, and join the blest assemblage of those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Thanks to Thy great name for the blessings of the day, and for the good hand of Thy Providence that has ever been over us. Thus may Thy loving-kindness still be over us in all our ways, and let not our unworthiness turn away Thy hand from us.

Bless this youthful assembly. Save them from the corruptions of their own hearts, the seductions of the world and the wiles of the adversary. Grant them in health and prosperity long to live, and afterward receive them to Thyself, saved by redeeming grace to sin no more. Remember, in Thine infinite mercy, all our seminaries of learning; sanctify for Thyself and Thy holy service, the youth of our land, to take the places of our fathers and our mothers in Israel, when they shall fail by reason of death. Revive pure and undefiled religion in all our churches. Fulfil Thy purposes of mercy to this lost world. Speed the day when it shall become a world of righteousness and peace, and the pure and peaceable religion of Jesus, prevail and triumph gloriously in all the earth. Hear, O Lord, in heaven, the habitation of Thy holiness, the voice of our supplication; accept, forgive and bless, as seemeth good in Thy sight, for our great Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Lyman Coleman.



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PLANTED in Christ, the living Vine,
This day, with one accord,
Ourselves, with humble faith and joy,
We yield to Thee, O Lord.

2 Joined in one body may we be:
One inward life partake;
One be our heart, one heavenly hope
In every bosom wake.

3 In prayer, in effort, tears and toils,
One wisdom be our guide;
Taught by one Spirit from above,
In Thee may we abide.

4 Then, when among the saints in light
Our joyful spirits shine,
Shall anthems of immortal praise,
O Lamb of God, be Thine!

S. F. Smith.

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WE'LL sing the power of Him who died
His people to redeem;
He is our Saviour, true and tried,
And He shall be our theme.

2 For He is precious in the sight
Of all who know His voice;
'Twas He who brought us to the light,
And taught us to rejoice.

3 From worldly snares, and Satan's wile,
He guards us by His power;
And keeps us safe from force and guile
In every trying hour.

4 And till His ransomed people come,
His house above to fill,
'Tis He who safely guides them home,
Beyond the reach of ill.

Unknown.

FOR this is the will of God, even your sanctification.

2 Such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

3 The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 Jesus, also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

5 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

6 I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

7 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

8 Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.

9 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

10 Wherefore, lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

11 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

12 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass.

13 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was;

14 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

15 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

17 Dearly beloved, I beseech you, as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.

18 For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

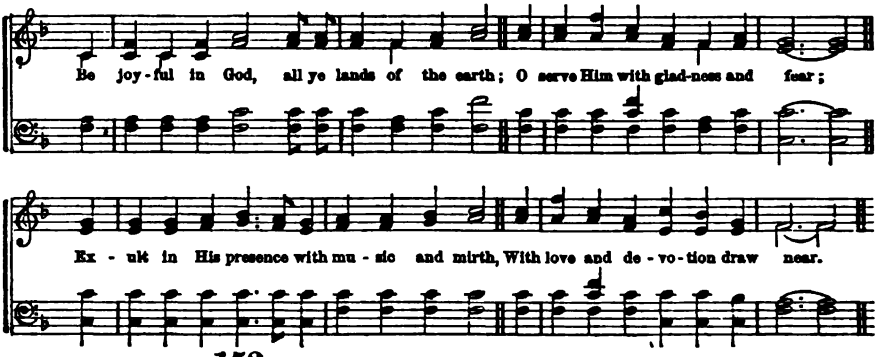
Prayer.—Lesson LXXV.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, our Heavenly Father, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sakes didst endure and overcome the assaults of the tempter, and who art ever ready to succor those who are tempted, grant us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee in the blessed steps of Thy holy life, that we may at last live with Thee, Thou gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, forever and ever.

O God, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, our hearts with Thy love and favor, enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel, graft in our hearts a love of the truth, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

Geo. D. Cummins.



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BE joyful in God, all ye lands of the earth;
O, serve Him with gladness and fear;
Exult in His presence with music and mirth,
With love and devotion draw near.

2 The Lord he is God, and Jehovah alone,
Creator and Ruler o'er all;
And we are His people, his sceptre we own,—
His sheep, and we follow His call.

3 O, enter His gates with thanksgiving and song;
Your vows in His temple proclaim:
His praise with melodious accordance prolong,
And bless His adorable name.

4 For good is the Lord, ever gracious and good,
And we are the work of His hand;
His mercy and truth from eternity stood,
And shall to eternity stand.

Montgomery.

GOD giveth to a man that is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather, and heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God.

2 I said in my heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure; and behold, this also is vanity.

3 I said of laughter, It is mad; and of mirth, what doeth it?

4 I sought in my heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting my heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

5 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

6 I made me gardens and orchards; and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit;

7 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: I got me servants, and maidens: also I had great possessions of great and small cattle, above all that were in Jerusalem before me.

8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces; and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me.

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired, I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy: for my heart rejoiced in all my labor.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit; and there was no profit under the sun.

12 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

13 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

14 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

15 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and seek him with the whole heart.

16 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee.

17 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand; I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

18 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

19 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXVI.

ALMIGHTY God! we adore Thee as our Creator, Preserver and Benefactor. Thou art the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; and we come to Thee, this day, to render Thee thanks for the great mercy Thou hast shown us, and to implore the continuance of Thy divine favor.

Thou art good, O Lord! and Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works. We, though so unworthy, have experienced Thy goodness. Thou hast preserved us, provided for us, defended us, and brought us in safety to this time.

We render Thee our hearty thanks for all Thy mercies: for life, and health, and reason; for home, and friends, and country; for our minds and the means and opportunity of improving them; yea, Lord! for all the comforts and conveniences of this life; but, especially, for the richer blessings of Thy grace: for Thine only begotten Son, through whose merit we may be reconciled to Thee; and Thy Holy Spirit, through whose agency we may be regenerated, and fitted to dwell with Thee forever. As Thou hast filled our cup with blessings, O Lord! fill, we pray Thee, our hearts with gratitude. We bless Thee, we praise Thee, we give thanks unto Thee, O Lord God, the Father Almighty!

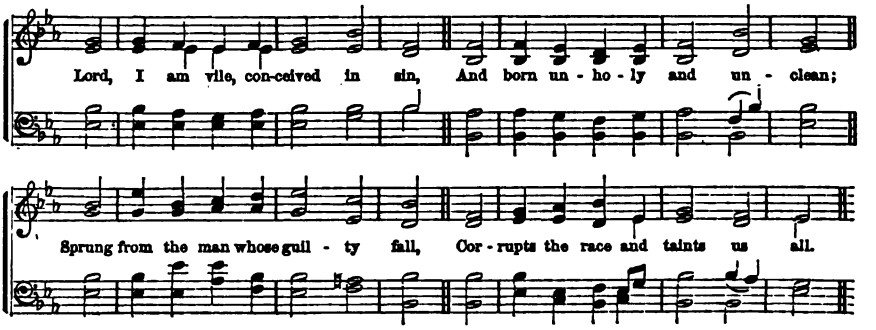
We acknowledge and confess that we are sinners, and wholly unworthy of the least of these Thy favors, and we humbly pray Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, to pardon our sins, and bestow upon us all those blessings of Thy providence and grace which we need.

Thou art infinitely happy, because Thou art infinitely holy, and we, Thy creatures, can be like Thee in happiness, only by being like Thee in holiness. Take away from us, therefore, we beseech Thee, every thing that is impure, and impart to us right thoughts and holy affections. Wisdom, and knowledge, and joy come from Thee alone. Impart to us, O Lord! these great blessings, and make our hearts ever to rejoice in Thee, the God of our salvation. Help us to seek Thee with our whole heart, to walk in Thy law, and to keep Thy testimonies.

Fit us for the duties of this day. Make us gentle, kind, obedient and diligent. Enable us to make commendable progress in the acquisition of knowledge, so that we may be the better fitted to serve Thee and our generation. Suffer us not to live unto ourselves, according to a corrupt and sinful nature; but may Christ live in us, and lead us to that life that is holy, blessed and unchangeable.

Grant these, and all the blessings which Thou seest we need, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

W. D. Howard,



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LORD, I am vile, conceived in sin,
And born unholy and unclean;
Sprung from the man whose guilty fall
Corrupts the race and taints us all.

2 Soon as we draw our infant breath,
The seeds of sin grow up for death:
Thy law demands a perfect heart;
But we're defiled in every part.

3 No bleeding bird, nor bleeding beast,
Nor hyssop branch, nor sprinkling priest,
Nor running brook, nor flood, nor sea,
Can wash the dismal stain away.

4 While guilt disturbs and breaks my peace,
Nor flesh nor soul hath rest or ease:
Lord, let me hear Thy pardoning voice,
And make my broken bones rejoice.

Watts.

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WITH broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry;
Thy pardoning grace is rich and free:
O God, be merciful to me.

2 I smite upon my troubled breast,
With deep and conscious guilt oppressed
Christ and His cross my only plea:
O God, be merciful to me!

3 Far off I stand with tearful eyes,
Nor dare uplift them to the skies;
But Thou dost all my anguish see:
O God, be merciful to me!

4 Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done,
Can for a single sin atone;
To Calvary alone I flee:
O God, be merciful to me!

Unknown.

THE wicked are estranged from the womb, they go astray from the womb, speaking lies.

2 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight; how much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

3 Jesus said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness; all these evil things come from within and defile the man.

4 There is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

5 These six things doth the LORD hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him.

6 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood.

7 A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief.

8 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

9 Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel; for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

10 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings; they have made them crooked paths; whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

11 As they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient,

12 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers,

13 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, boasters, proud, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents.

14 Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful;

15 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

16 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said to him, Yet lackest thou one thing; sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor; and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come follow me.

17 When he heard this, he was very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXVII.

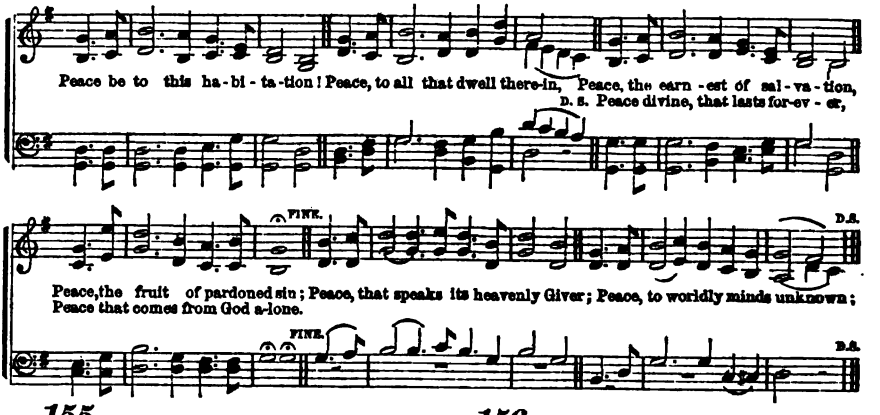
ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, Thou art holy, O Thou who inhabitest the praises of Israel. The holy angels around Thy throne cry, saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory. The heavens are not clean in Thy sight, and Thou chargest Thine angels with folly. How then must we, Thy sinful creatures, appear in Thy sight, and how dare we draw near into Thy presence.

We come with humble confession of our many sins. With shame and confusion of face we acknowledge our vileness. We are abominable, both by nature and practice. We were conceived in sin, were estranged from the womb, and went astray as soon as we were born, speaking lies. To our original guilt we have added gross actual transgression. Our hearts have been filled with evil desires and purposes, and these wicked thoughts have been again and again committed by us. It is due to restraining grace alone, and not to any goodness in us, that our lives have not been as vile as our hearts. Thou, O God, hast held us back, or we would have run into every excess of evil, and become the vilest of the vile.

We can, therefore, plead no merit in drawing near before Thee; for we have none. By nature and practice, in thought, word and deed, we are wholly corrupt. But our deepest guilt consists in our having despised Thee, our Heavenly Father. In all our evil course, we have been treating with neglect and dishonor the High and Holy One, who gave us our being, continued our existence, and down to the present moment has been heaping kindnesses upon us. But above all Thy favors, is the offer unto us of Thy dear Son, as a propitiation for our sins through faith in His blood, and of the Holy Spirit to create in us a clean heart, and to renew a right spirit within us. But this Thy gracious offer we have hitherto despised, and have turned a deaf ear to all the calls and invitations of the Holy Spirit. In the multitude of our transgressions this is our greatest sin, and because of it, Thou mightest justly leave us to perish.

But thanks be unto Thy name, Thou dost not treat us as our sins deserve, and now in mercy Thou hast brought us to see our transgressions, and feel in some degree their guilt. And now, O Heavenly Father, we come to Thee with humble confession of sin, and beg for the pardon of our iniquities, through the obedience and suffering of the Eternal Son of God, who in human nature has made atonement for sin. For Thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon our iniquities, for they are great. We, sinners, draw near to Him, who came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Oh, cast us not away from Thy presence, but pardon, renew, and sanctify our souls. And all we ask is in the name and for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom alone there is remission of sins, with the gift of everlasting life. Amen.

William H. Campbell.



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PEACE be to this habitation!
Peace to all that dwell therein;
Peace, the earnest of salvation,
Peace, the fruit of pardoned sin;
Peace, that speaks its heavenly Giver;
Peace to worldly minds unknown;
Peace divine, that lasts forever,
Peace that comes from God alone.

2 Prince of peace! be present near us;
Fix in all our hearts Thy home;
With Thy gracious presence cheer us;
Let Thy sacred kingdom come.
Raise to heaven our expectation:
Give our favored souls to prove
Glorious and complete salvation,
In the realms of bliss above.

C. Wesley.

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THIS is not my place of resting,—
Mine's a city yet to come;
Onward to it I am hasting—
On to my eternal home.
In it all is light and glory;
O'er it shines a nightless day:
Every trace of sin's sad story,
All the curse, hath passed away.

2 There the Lamb, our Shepherd, leads us
By the streams of life along,—
On the freshest pastures feeds us,
Turns our sighing into song.
Soon we pass this desert dreary,
Soon we bid farewell to pain;
Never more are sad or weary,
Never, never sin again!

Bonar.

PEACE I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

2 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee.

3 In his day shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

4 The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus.

5 I will hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints. Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them.

6 He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

7 Unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of peace.

8 LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us; for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

9 How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

10 If the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

11 Thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest; for thou shalt go before the face of the LORD, to prepare his ways.

12 To give knowledge of salvation to his people, by the remission of their sins.

13 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation.

14 The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

15 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

16 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.

17 The LORD will give strength unto his people: the LORD will bless his people with peace.

18 Now the Lord of peace himself, give you peace always, by all means.

19 Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXVIII.

O THOU Lord of peace! bestow upon us Thy peace,—the peace of God which passeth all understanding. In ourselves unholy, and by nature at enmity with Thee, we look to Thee for reconciliation, the forgiveness of sins, and the quieting of our troubled souls. We rejoice that, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We glorify Thy wondrous love in that upon Him was laid the chastisement of our peace, and that with His stripes we are healed. Increase our faith, and cause us to rest in undisturbed quietness on Him.

Keep us, O Lord, from a false peace; suffer us not to trust in any goodness of our own; or to say, "I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of my heart;" lest Thine anger be upon us, and Thou blot us out of Thy book. Deliver us also from hardness and insensibility of soul, and permit us not to be at ease with the guilt of unforgiven sin upon us. Suffer us not to be at rest except we have Thy peace,—the peace of a renewed will, and a conscience reconciled to Thee by Jesus Christ.

Bestow upon us this day the blessing of a calm and quiet temper. We know not when or how we may be assailed by temptation. Should sudden provocation meet us, keep us from anger; should we be tempted to envy, enable us to overcome it, and make us willing that others should be more honored and commended than we. Should slander, injustice, or unkindness arouse our evil passions, help us to be followers of Him who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, threatened not; who, His own self, bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Bless us, we beseech Thee, our heavenly Father, in all the duties of the day. Aid us in our studies. Give us patience, industry, obedience, and earnestness. Help us to be so diligent in business, so fervent in spirit, ever serving the Lord, that our example may lead others to follow Christ. And, by our present pursuits, prepare us for lives of usefulness in the future. Should we die early, take us to Thyself in peace; should we be long spared, make us blessings to our kindred, our country, and the world. But, be our pilgrimage longer or shorter, and be there given to us more or less of the riches and honors of this world, withhold not from us, we beseech Thee, the peace of God now, and after death an abundant entrance into the world of perfect peace and joy.

All of which we ask in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, now and forever. Amen.

John W. Dulles.

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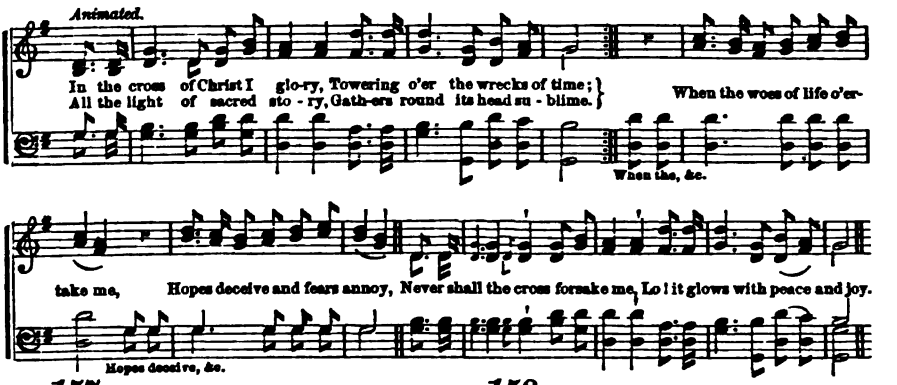

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IN the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross, the radiance streaming
Adds new lustre to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there, that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Bowring.

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ONE there is, above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end.

2 Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could or would have shed his blood?
But Christ Jesus died to have us
Reconciled in Him to God.

3 When He lived on earth abaséd,
Friend of sinners was His name;
Now, above all glory raiséd,
He rejoices in the same.

4 Oh, for grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, Lord, at length to love:
We, alas! forget too often
What a Friend we have above.

Newton.

THOU wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

2 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

3 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day.

4 We also joy in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

5 I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

6 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my Spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

7 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

8 Whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory.

9 By two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.

10 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

11 Fear not, O land: be glad and rejoice; for the LORD will do great things.

12 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation.

13 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD; mine horn is exalted in the LORD: because I rejoice in thy salvation.

14 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

15 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

16 Rejoice in the LORD always, and again I say, Rejoice!

17 Now, thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ.

18 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst, of the fountain of the water of life freely.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise the Father, earth and heaven,
Praise the Son, the Spirit praise;
As it was, and is, be given
Glory through eternal days.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXIX.

WE acknowledge, our heavenly Father, that we are made sad by our sins. They have shut out the light of Thy countenance, and dried up the fountains of joy Thou hast so abundantly provided for men in all Thy works. They have caused us to be filled with vain desires and hopes, with passions and cares. They have troubled our consciences and awakened our fears. Father, for Jesus' sake, forgive them all, that we may be at peace with Thee and with ourselves; that we may recover that self-respect which belongs to the children of God, and which Jesus alone can restore.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, that gave our Lord his human frame and spirit, and that raised Him from the dead; that gave Paul of Tarsus a new and holy heart, renew our hearts; banishing from them all that has caused us to grieve where Thou wouldst have had us rejoice. Remove from our hearts the excessive desire of earthly good, and the dread of losing it. May we have a just estimate of every thing Thou hast made, and so not have our hearts tossed upon the waves of a troubled sea.

Increase in us the spirit of submission and childlike trust. Send forth the Spirit of Thy "Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Increase our faith in the love, the power, the finished work, the gracious promises of Jesus our Lord.

Open our eyes to see the wonderful things Thou hast done for man in Christ, to see the meaning of those glorious descriptions Thy word has given of His incarnation, and its effects. Show us how He became our Surety, our Mediator, our Shepherd, our Head, our Life.

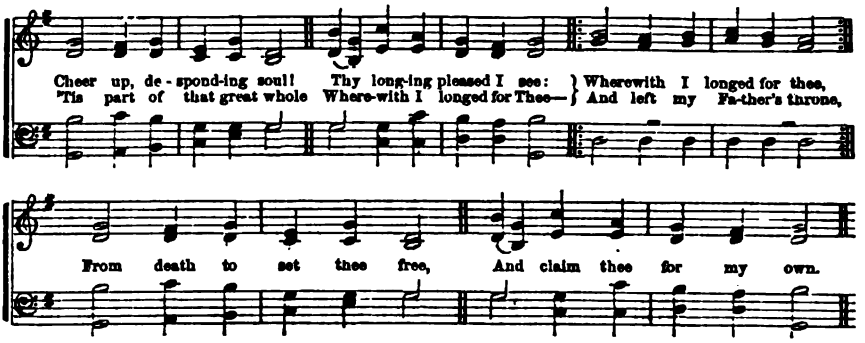
Answer for us the prayer of Paul for the Ephesian brethren—to give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, that we may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us; that we may be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints the amazing dimensions of the love of Christ.

And thus, Lord, with an assurance of hope, the gift of Thy grace, may our faith work in us all good works; that we may be full of meekness, temperance, patience, gentleness, earnestness, fidelity, and prayerfulness—glorifying God in all that we do, by purity of motive, benefiting our fellow man, diffusing light, and peace, and joy around us.

Let this be a happy day for our souls, rejoicing in the Lord and joying in the hope of glory. Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation; then will we teach transgressors Thy ways.

And, at last, may the joy of faith be transformed into the joy of the Lord's presence in glory everlasting. Amen.

Edward N. Kirk.



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CHEER up, desponding soul!
Thy longing pleased I see:
'Tis part of that great whole
Wherewith I longed for thee—
Wherewith I longed for thee,
And left my Father's throne:
From death to set thee free,
And claim thee for my own—

2 To claim thee for my own,
I suffered on the cross:
Oh, were my love but known,
All else would be as dross!—
All else would be as dross!
And souls, through grace divine,
Would count their gain but loss,
To live forever mine!

Unknown.

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LO, I do stretch my hands
To Thee, my Help, alone;
For Thou well understands
All my complaint and moan:
My thirsting soul desires,
And longeth after Thee,
As thirsty ground requires
With rain refresh'd to be.

2 Lord, let my pray'r prevail,
To answer it make speed:
For, lo, my sp'rit doth fail:
Hide not Thy face in need;
Lest I be like to those
That do in darkness sit,
Or him that downward goes
Into the dreadful pit.

Scotch Version.

THE Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory; the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

2 Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

3 And made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

4 And, being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

5 Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh.

6 As many were astonished at thee: his visage was so marred, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men.

7 He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from him: he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

8 Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

9 The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

10 Many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?

11 They rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of a hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

12 Jesus saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

13 They all forsook him and fled.

14 When he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

15 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him, and others smote him with the palms of their hands; and began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews.

16 And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

17 And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama Sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

18 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. Then came the soldiers and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But one of the soldiers, with a spear, pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXX.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST! What do we not owe unto Thee, for Thy marvellous loving-kindness, and for the deep humiliation whereby Thou didst purchase eternal redemption for us. Thou didst become the Surety and Substitute for poor lost sinners. Thou camest forth from the bosom of the Father, to be made flesh and dwell among us. Thou didst bear our very sicknesses, our griefs, and our sorrows. Thou didst endure the contradiction of sinners against Thyself, the buffetings of Satan, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross. Yea, Thou wast made a curse for us, and on Thee was laid the iniquity of us all.

O blessed Redeemer, we thank Thee for the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us, and we would humbly accept redemption through Thy blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of Thy grace. Be Thou our wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification.

Behold, we are all Thy servants. We profess that we are not our own. Thou hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood. We would be Thine, wholly, only, and forever.

Direct us this day. Prepare us for its duties and its possible trials. Attend our steps; show us what Thou wilt have us to do. Be at our right hand, that we be not moved. Hold Thou us up, and we shall be safe. And whatsoever we do, whether in word or deed, enable us to do all in Thy blessed name.

Give us much of Thy Spirit. Make us pure and holy. Cleanse us from secret faults. Keep us back also from presumptuous sins. May we abstain from all appearance of evil. May we overcome when we are tempted, and run our race with patience, looking unto Thee, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Make us meek and lowly in heart; self-denying and humble; benevolent and kind; generous and charitable, as well as just and true, that we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

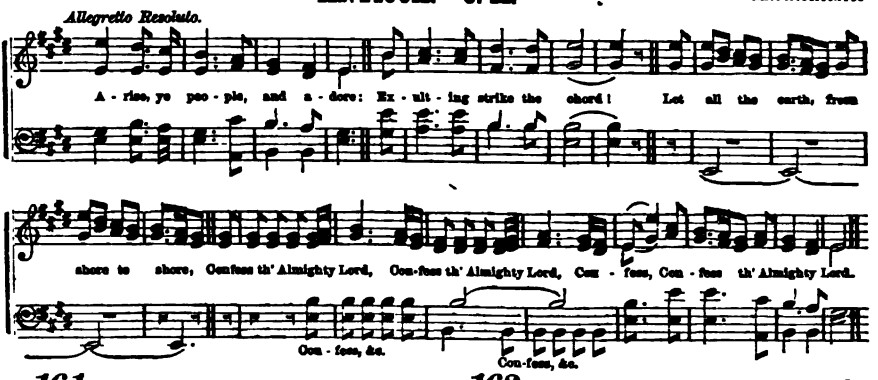
May we know, and by Thy grace perform all our duties in life, in the family, the church, the state, and in this institution. Guide us by Thy counsel, and afterward receive us to glory.

We humbly ask for Thy blessing upon our kindred and friends, and upon our beloved land. Be gracious unto the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and all others in authority. May they be men who fear God and hate covetousness. May Thy wisdom guide them, and Thy grace strengthen them in their policy and their administration, and may our people be taught of God in all the duties of loyalty and good citizenship.

Extend the benefits of Thy gospel to all who know Thee not. Let Thy way be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

(*In concert*?) Our Father, which art in heaven, (as in Matt. vi. 9-13.)

Jonathan Edwards.



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ARISE, ye people, and adore;
Exulting, strike the chord!
Let all the earth, from shore to shore,
Confess th' almighty Lord.

2 Glad shouts aloud, wide echoing round,
Th' ascending God proclaim;
Th' angelic choir respond the sound,
And shake creation's frame.

3 They sing of death and hell o'erthrown
In that triumphant hour;
And God exalts His conquering Son
To His right hand of power.

4 Oh, shout, ye people, and adore;
Exulting strike the chord!
Let all the earth, from shore to shore,
Confess th' almighty Lord!

Lyte.

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YE gates, lift up your heads on high;
Ye doors, that last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
Of glory enter may.

2 But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this;
Ev'n that same Lord, that great in might
And strong in battle is.

3 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
Doors that do last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
Of glory enter may.

4 But who is He that is the King
Of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but He
The King of glory is.

Scotch Version.

SO they went and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

2 And behold there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 The patriarch David, being a prophet, seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither did his flesh see corruption.

4 Him hath God raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

5 The angel said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

6 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

7 He was buried, and he rose again the third day according to the scriptures; and he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve; after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; after that he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. last of all he was seen of me, also.

8 Thou hast ascended up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, thou has received gifts for men:

9 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

10 While they looked steadfastly toward heaven, as he went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner, as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 This man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, forever sat down on the right hand of God.

13 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities, and powers being made subject unto him.

14 Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

15 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

16 For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXXI.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Permit us to call Thee by the endearing name of Father, although we confess we have been disobedient and rebellious children. Thou art our Father by creation, preservation and redemption. Thou art the wise Maker of our frames, and the Father of our spirits,—the God in whom we live and move and have our being, and on whom we are dependent for life, breath and every thing. Thou art our Father, we humbly trust, in that Thou hast begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

And, as Thy dear children, enable us to approach Thee with all that confidence and faith that children exercise in coming to an earthly parent, asking those things they desire. We are weak; Thou art mighty. Hold us with Thy powerful hand. We are ignorant; Thou art the Fountain and Source of all wisdom. Impart unto us that wisdom which is profitable to direct in all things pertaining to this life, and the life everlasting.

O, most Merciful Father! We thank Thee that Thou hast made provision not only for our temporal wants, but also for our spiritual necessities,—that a way has been provided, undevised by human wisdom,—a way which the vulture's eye had never seen, nor the lion's whelps ever trod,—a highway of holiness cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in. Thou hast sprinkled it with Thine own blood. Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men, even for the rebellious, that the Lord God of heaven and earth might dwell among the children of men.

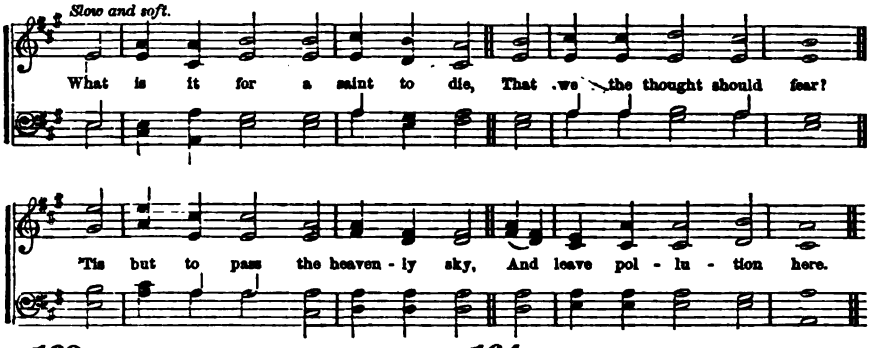
We thank Thee for the revelation of Thy truth. Dark and dreary were the progress of man in his pilgrimage here below, were it not for the rays of Divine revelation. Although the heavens declare Thy glory, and the firmament showeth Thy handy-work, Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge, yet, without the light of Thy truth, we should wander in endless conjectures of Thy holy nature and character, and ultimately be led to worship objects of our creation; but they would always be far short of Thee, the adorable Author of our mysterious being. O may we love Thy word more and more. May its precepts be the guide of our youth, and its promises our final reward.

Let Thy gracious benediction rest upon the teachers. Grant them Divine wisdom, and richly endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may impart to their pupils a saving knowledge of Thy truth. And, O Thou who didst speak as never man spake, be our Divine Instructor.

May we all be Thy disciples, and learn of Thee, who wast meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest unto our souls. And when our work on earth shall be finished, bring us unto higher and holier spheres of enjoyment, where, through the ceaseless cycles of eternity, we may praise Thee forever, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Saviour. Amen.

Chas. W. Sanders.

The Love of Christ **AZMON. C. M.** *our Comfort in Death.*



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WHAT is it for a saint to die,
That we the thought should fear?
'Tis but to pass the heavenly sky,
And leave pollution here.

2 True, Jordan's stream is wondrous deep,
And Canaan's walls are high;
But He that guards us while we sleep,
Will guide us when we die.

3 A parting world, a gaping tomb,
Corruption and disease,
Are thorny paths to heaven, our home,
And doors to endless bliss.

4 Eternal glory just before,
And Jesus waiting there:
A heavenly gale to waft us o'er—
What have the saints to fear?

Unknown.

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THE Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ev'n for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill:
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Scotch Version.

THERE is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war.

2 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good; they are passed away as the swift ships.

3 I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

4 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

5 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

6 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men, and the living will lay it to his heart.

7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

8 Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ both died and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10 We know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

11 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.

12 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

13 Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

14 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better.

15 I will ransom them from the power of the grave: I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues! O grave, I will be thy destruction!

16 Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

17 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

18 I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors.

19 Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXXII.

O GOD! our Father, almighty in power! spotless in purity! perfect in love! we bow low in the dust before Thine awful throne, adoring Thy majesty, venerating Thy holiness, and pleading for Thy love.

We cannot so much as lift up our eyes unto Thee, whose face is averted from the spectacle of our corruption. What are we that we should ask audience of Thee, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity?

Yet, Lord, forasmuch as Thou hast invited us to come boldly to the seat of mercy, we fain take words and return to Thee, and implore Thee now to condescend to our prayer. As the eyes of servants look unto the hands of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God until that he have mercy upon us.

We bring before Thee, O Father, the memorials of the perfect sacrifice of Thy dear Son. We plead His blood and righteousness. We sue for pardon upon the sole virtue of His glorious atonement. Thou hast laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. Grant now, O Father, that we may be clothed upon with the justifying righteousness of the Lord Christ, who is our Sacrifice, our Redeemer, and our God.

Teach us, O Father, Thy transcending love, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, the just for the unjust, not that we first loved Him, but that He loved us, and gave Himself a sacrifice and a ransom for the sins of our souls.

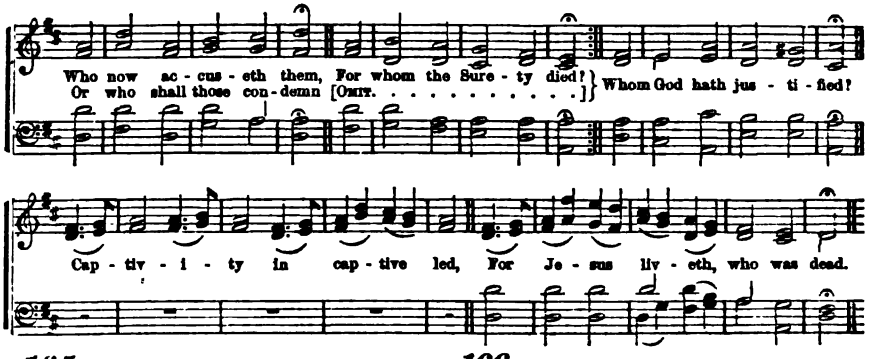
Grant, O God, that all, and especially those who are in the morning of life, may feel the constrainings of this great love, and give to Jesus their sympathies, their obedience, and their adoration. O Holy Ghost, descend with Thy transforming grace and regenerate the souls of the youth of our land, that we may have prepared for the church a generation of God-serving men and women. And we pray Thee, moreover, to sanctify them through Thy truth; purify them by Thine own cleansing power, that they may be one with Christ in holiness and love.

We further pray Thee, O Christ, our Saviour, that Thy love may unceasingly warm our hearts until we come to worship before Thee in Thine everlasting kingdom. Especially do Thou give us the comfort of love when heart and flesh fail us. Forsake us not, O loving Redeemer, when we thread the mazes of the shadowed valley. Let the light of Thy love then lead the way, making it indeed the path of the righteous, which groweth brighter unto the perfect day.

All of which we ask, through the riches of the grace of Christ Jesus the Beloved, to whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, three persons and one God, we would ascribe equal and everlasting praises. Amen.

N. H. Schenck.

Christ our only Hope in the **HADDAM. H. M.** *Day of Judgment.*



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WHO now accuseth them,
For whom the Surety died?
Or who shall those condemn,
Whom God hath justified?
Captivity is captive led,
For Jesus liveth, who was dead.

2 The ransom Christ hath paid—
The glorious work is done;
On Him our help is laid,
By Him our victory won:
Captivity is captive led,
For Jesus liveth, who was dead.

3 All hail, triumphant Lord!
The resurrection, Thou:
All hail, incarnate Lord!
Before Thy throne we bow:
Captivity is captive led,
For Jesus liveth, who was dead.

Unknown.

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TH' atoning work is done,
The Victim's blood is shed,
And Jesus now is gone
His people's cause to plead:
He stands in heaven their great High Priest,
And bears their names upon His breast.

2 No temple made with hands
His place of service is:
In heaven itself He stands,
A heavenly priesthood His:
In Him the shadows of the law
Are all fulfilled, and now withdraw.

3 And though awhile He be
Hid from the eyes of men,
His people look to see
Their great High Priest again:
In brightest glory He will come,
And take His waiting people home.

Kelly.

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

2 The LORD cometh, he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

3 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

4 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

5 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing; whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

6 The Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father, with his angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

7 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory;

8 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

9 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

10 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

11 For I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

12 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee a hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

13 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

14 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

15 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them, also, that love his appearing.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXXIII.

O LORD God of hosts, the Creator, Preserver, and Judge of all, in Thy holy presence we now appear, aided by the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, we render thanks for Thy great goodness and many mercies. We bless Thy holy name for all the allotments of Providence, and the gifts of Thy grace in the economy of redemption through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

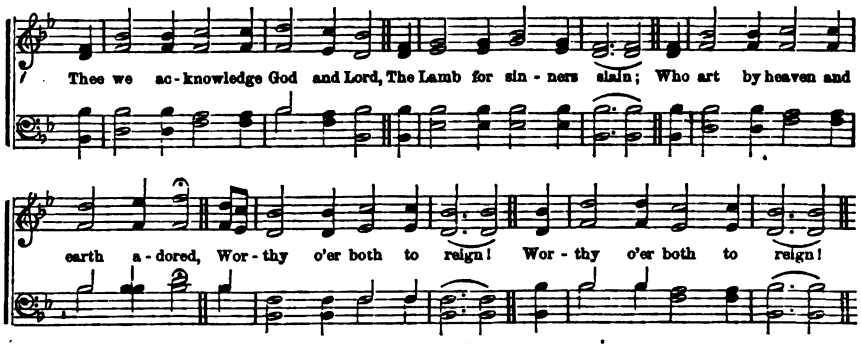
We humbly confess all our sins, O Lord, pardon our iniquity, for it is great. Burdened with a sense of our sins, and our exposure to the penalty of the Divine law, which we have so often transgressed, we humbly implore forgiveness and reconciliation, that we may have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant unto us, O Lord, strength and willingness to do the will of God, and the abiding witness of the Spirit that we are Thine, now and forever. May we realize as intelligent and accountable beings our relations to God our Creator and Judge, that it is appointed unto men once to die, and after death the judgment—that we must, after a life of probation, give an account of ourselves to God.

We thank Thee, our gracious heavenly Father, that before we must appear in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and kingdom, we are called by great and precious promises to the throne of grace, to Jesus, the atoning Lamb—the merciful and faithful High Priest, who can have compassion on the ignorant and those that are out of the way, assured that we have redemption in His blood, even the forgiveness of sin. Blessed Jesus, Lord of all, Thou, in the divinity of Thy nature, in the efficacy of Thy atonement, the prevalence of Thy intercession, the tenderness of Thy love, art our hope, our only, our blessed hope now, amid the trials of life, and at the judgment-seat, Christ made unto us of God wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. We have hope in the day of His coming, when heaven and earth shall pass away, and an assembled universe shall stand before His judgment throne. Then will He say to those that love His appearing, and bear His image, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom, enter into the joys of your Lord, share my glory evermore.

O Lord, our God, arouse us all to a deeper concern and a more earnest preparation to meet our righteous Judge. May our life be hid with Christ in God. Faithfully devoted to His service, useful in our day and generation, with a good hope through grace inspiring our hearts in view of death, judgment and eternity, may we rejoice in the Lord, and wait with confidence for life's last hour, and our appearing before the judgment-seat of Christ.

We bless Thee, O Father, that Christ, who died for us, is to be our judge, that our all is safe in His hand, to whom with the Father and the Spirit be praise and glory forever. Amen. *B. W. Chidlaw.*



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THEE we acknowledge God and Lord,
The Lamb for sinners slain;
Who art by heaven and earth adored,
Worthy o'er both to reign!

2 To Thee all angels cry aloud,
Through heaven's extended coasts;
Hail, holy, holy, holy Lord
Of glory and of hosts!

3 The prophet's goodly fellowship,
In radiant garments dressed,
Praise Thee, Thou Son of God, and reap
The fulness of Thy rest.

4 Th' apostles' glorious company
Thy righteous praise proclaim!
The martyred army glorify
Thine everlasting name.

Unknown.

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O MOTHER dear, Jerusalem,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

2 O happy harbor of God's saints!
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrows can be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.

3 In thee no sickness is at all,
Nor hurt, nor any sore;
There is no death nor ugly sight,
But life for evermore.

4 No dimming cloud o'ershadows thee,
No cloud nor darksome night:
But every soul shines as the sun,
For God himself gives light.

Dickson.

THOUGH, after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eye shall behold, and not another.

2 Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

3 As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

4 They that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever.

5 In the resurrection, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

6 Neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

7 I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

8 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

9 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then, face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know, even as also I am known.

10 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

11 After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

13 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

14 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and the four beasts, and fell before the throne, on their faces, and worshipped God.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb, which is in the midst of the throne, shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXXIV.

O THOU, who art the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the Lord who is, and who was, and who is to come, we poor sinners pray, that even though all angels cry aloud to Thee, the heavens, and all the powers therein, Thou wouldst bow down Thine ear, and listen to the voice of this, our humble supplication.

We thank Thee that we are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, but that we are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to Jesus the Mediator of the New covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. We praise and magnify Thy holy name that this blood cleanseth us from all sin, and that, delivered from the power of darkness and translated into Thy kingdom, we are made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. We rejoice, with joy unspeakable and full of glory, that even for us is laid up a crown of righteousness which Thou, Lord, who art the righteous Judge, shall give us at that day.

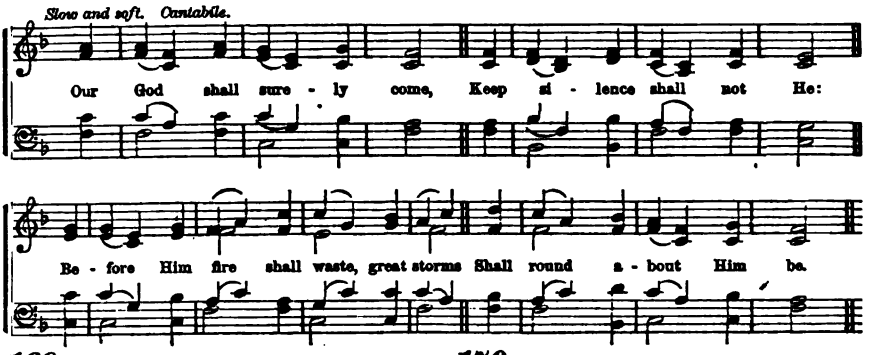
But we acknowledge, also, that we are prone to forget our high calling and our heavenly destiny; that we give way to the temptations which surround our youth and war against our souls. When we would do good, evil is present with us. When we would run the race that is set before us, the adversary holds us back; our hands hang down, our knees are feeble.

Therefore help Thou us, O Lord. Make Thy strength perfect in our weakness; grant to us Thy all-sufficient grace; send Thy Holy Spirit, that, guided by His influences we may flee youthful lusts, live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, and have our conversation in heaven.

And let these sanctified principles, in which we beseech Thee to stablish us now, abide in our hearts; that when Thou shalt assign to us our several duties in life, we may not only prove faithful in that which is least, zealously affected in every good thing, doing with our might whatsoever our hands find to do, but may also realize, more and more, that we are strangers here below, that this is not our rest, that we must desire a better country, that is, an heavenly, and strive to reach that sphere of perfect activity, where by the whole family of God, Thy will shall be done throughout eternity.

Hear us, in these our prayers, Thou only wise God, our Saviour; vouchsafe to keep us this day without sin; and accept the sacrifice of our hearts and the worship of our lips, now and forever. Amen.

Edmund de Schweinitz.



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OUR God shall surely come,
Keep silence shall not He:
Before Him fire shall waste, great storms
Shall round about Him be.

2 Unto the wicked man,
God saith, My laws and truth
Should'st thou declare? how darest thou take
My cov'nant in thy mouth?

4 Now I will thee reprove,
And set before thine eyes,
In order ranked, all thy misdeeds
And thine iniquities.

4 Now, ye that God forget,
This carefully consider;
Lest I in pieces tear you all,
And none can you deliver.

Scotch Version.

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AND will the Judge descend,
And must the dead arise,
And not a single soul escape
His all-discerning eyes?

2 How will my heart endure
The terrors of that day,
When earth and heaven before His face
Astonished, shrink away?

3 But, ere the trumpet shakes
The mansions of the dead,
Hark, from the Gospel's cheering sound
What joyful tidings spread!

4 Ye sinners! seek His grace,
Whose wrath ye cannot bear;
Fly to the shelter of His cross,
And find salvation there.

Doddridge.

THE wicked is reserved to the day of destruction; they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

2 The heavens shall declare his righteousness, for God is judge himself.

3 Whosoever, therefore, shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him, also, shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father, with all the holy angels.

4 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

5 When the King came in to see the guests, he saw there a man that had not on a wedding garment;

6 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

7 Then said the King to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

8 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

9 For I was a hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison, and ye visited me not.

10 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee ahungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

11 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

12 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment.

13 The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven, with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

14 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction, from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.

15 That they all might be damned, who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

16 The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast, and the false prophet are; and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

17 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire

Prayer.—Lesson LXXXV.

O LORD, our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! From everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. In Thy wisdom didst Thou create us a little lower than the angels, and didst crown us with glory and with honor.

But in our weakness, how have we fallen! How have we dishonored Thy gifts! How have we squandered our inheritance!

It is in Thy mercy that we have hope. By faith in Thy Son, Jesus Christ, we come unto Thee in humility, but with filial trust. Forgive our sins. Raise us from the pit into which our feet have fallen. Restore unto us Thy image lost.

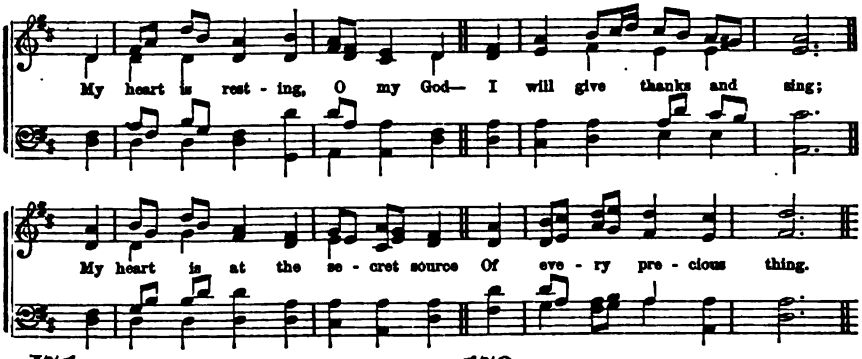
Without Thee our strength is weakness, our wisdom is vanity, our righteousness is as filthy rags. Bestow on us the light of Thy reconciled countenance. Strengthen us for every good word and work, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Give us pure and contrite hearts. Breathe upon us Thy forgiving spirit, and lead us to show pity towards the despised and the forsaken. Bless us in our daily labor. Prosper the work of our hands. Give us the hearing ear and the understanding heart.

Multiply unto us the means of knowledge. Strengthen every aspiration for the improvement of our gifts. Grant us patience and the spirit of industry. Give us strength to search out that which is hidden, the power to retain what we learn, and the purpose to wisely use all our knowledge. Grant us the constant communion of Thy Holy Spirit, the disposition to be led in the way of truth, and the desire to love and to serve Thee.

And when we shall have done serving Thee on earth, wilt Thou take us to dwell with Thee in heaven? We ask in the Redeemer's name. Amen.

S. P. Bates.



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MY heart is resting, O my God,—
I will give thanks and sing;
My heart is at the secret source
Of every precious thing.

2 And a new song is in my mouth
To long-loved music set:
Glory to Thee for all the grace
I have not tasted yet.

3 My heart is resting, O my God,
My heart is in Thy care:
I hear the voice of joy and health
Resounding every where.

4 "Thou art my portion," saith my soul,
Ten thousand voices say,
And the music of their glad Amen,
Will never die away.

Miss Waring.

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THE Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ev'n for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Scotch Version.

THUS saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches:

2 But let him that glorieth, glory in this, That he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth.

3 The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

4 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

5 God said unto Solomon, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life, neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thyself understanding, behold I have done according to thy word; lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart.

6 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

7 It shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments, which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, to serve him with all your heart, and with all your soul,

8 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

9 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

10 Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

11 Wherefore, take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

12 For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

13 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

14 My God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

15 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. He hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

16 All things are yours, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXXVI.

LORD God of heaven and earth, we praise Thee, and magnify Thy name as the greatest and best of beings, and to us the author and giver of every good gift.

We come to Thee as poor, and needy, and sinful. Thou hast taught us to draw near to Thy presence, and call Thee our Father; O bless us with a portion of Thy children.

Grant to us an interest in the work of Thy dear Son. Let Thy Holy Spirit dwell in our hearts, and shape and control our lives. Under His teachings may we be wise unto salvation, and grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Grant us penitence for our sins, diligence in duty, patience under trials, annoyances and discouragements.

Bless our parents, and brothers, and sisters. Revive Thy Church day by day, and awaken her to new activities of faith and love. Elevate our nation by a true Christian civilization; and make us a blessing to the other nations of the earth.

All these things we ask in the name of our gracious Redeemer. Amen.

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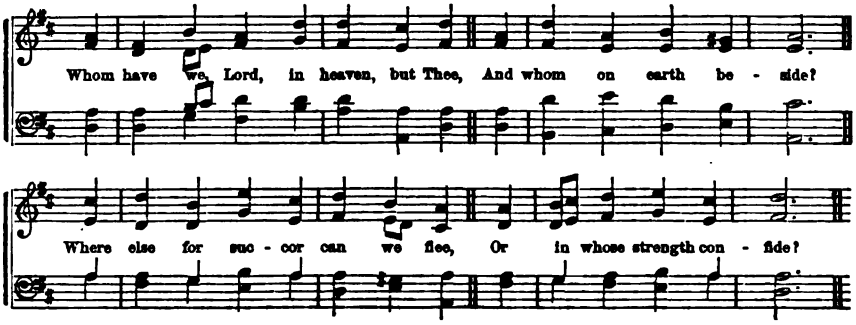

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WHOM have we, Lord, in heaven, but Thee,
And whom on earth beside?
Where else for succor can we flee,
Or in whose strength confide?

2 Thou art our portion here below,
Our promised bliss above;
Ne'er may our souls an object know
So precious as Thy love.

3 When heart and flesh, O Lord, shall fail,
Thou wilt our spirits cheer,
Support us through life's thorny vale,
And calm each anxious fear.

4 Yes—Thou shalt be our guide through life,
And health and strength supply;
Sustain us in death's fearful strife,
And welcome us on high.

Lyte.

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O children, hither do ye come,
And unto me give ear;
I shall you teach to understand
How ye the Lord should fear.

2 What man is he that life desires,
To see good would live long?
Thy lips refrain from speaking guile,
And from ill words thy tongue.

3 Depart from ill, do good, seek peace,
Pursue it earnestly;
God's eyes are on the just; His ears
Are open to their cry.

4 The face of God is set against
Those that do wickedly,
That He may quite out from the earth
Cut off their memory.

Scotch Version.

THEN spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world, he that followeth me, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

2 Do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in, and possess the good land, which the LORD sware unto thy fathers.

3 Let love be without dissimulation; abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good.

4 Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another.

5 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer:

6 Distributing to the necessity of saints, given to hospitality; bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not.

7 Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.

8 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

9 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

10 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

11 Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

12 Unto you first, God, having raised up his Son, Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

13 Sirs, what must I do to be saved? They said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

14 Jesus beholding him, loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

15 He said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.

16 Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth.

17 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.

18 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXXVII.

OPEN our eyes, O Lord, that we may discern the wonders of Thy law; and make us to find that it is good for us to draw nigh unto Thee in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Gracious and glorious Lord, the eyes of all wait upon Thee; Thou art the hope of all the ends of the earth. In Thee we live and move and have our being. Thou givest us life, and breath, and all things. Still Thou takest care of us and watchest over us; even in the hours of sleep, when we are unable to care for ourselves. And Thy mercies are daily renewed, Thy goodness is repeated every morning; yea, every moment, dost Thou give us fresh occasion of praise and thanksgiving.

Blessed be Thy name for peace, rest and safety, the past night. Enable us in the strength of Thy grace, and of Thy gifts, to love Thee truly, to serve Thee faithfully, and to depend on Thee without wavering. In all our ways may we acknowledge Thee; and be Thou graciously pleased to establish our goings, and to direct our path.

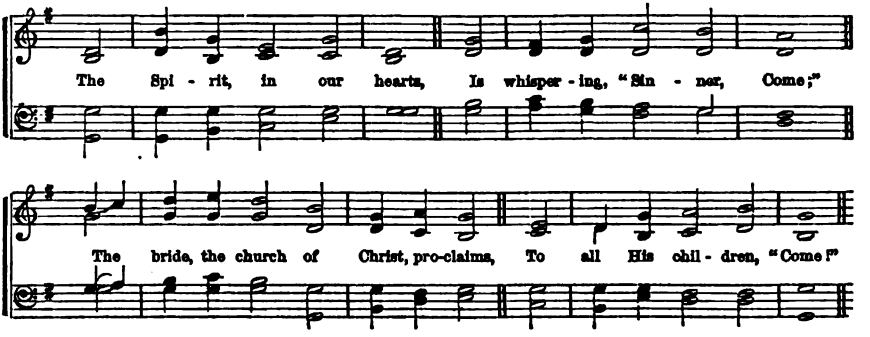
We desire to put ourselves under Thy gracious conduct and Thy fatherly protection. We beg the heavenly guidance, blessing and assistance of Thy good Spirit, to choose our inheritance for us, and to dispose of us, and all that concerns us, to the glory of Thy great name. Grant us the comfort of Thy help, the joy of Thy salvation.

Grant us, O Lord, the comfortable sense and apprehension of Thy free acceptance of us, and of Thy gracious intentions towards us, in the Son of Thy love, that our hearts may bless Thy holy name. May we exercise ourselves, to have always a conscience void of offence, both toward God and toward man.

Teach us the fear of the Lord. Help us always to do right. Sanctify to us our studies and our recreations, and all our pursuits. May we so pass through things temporal, as neither to lose nor forget the things eternal. Let Thy good providence be our defence and security; and Thy Holy Spirit be our comforter, guide and counsellor in all our ways; until through the merit of Thy Son, and the multitude of Thy mercies, we are called away to be forever with the Lord. Amen.

T. Dougherty.

Warning to those who **NEWBURG. S. M.** *Neglect the Gospel.*



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THE Spirit, in our hearts,
Is whispering, "Sinner, come;"
The bride, the church of Christ, proclaims
To all His children, "Come!"

2 Let him that heareth, say,
To all about him, "Come;"
Let him that thirsts for righteousness,
To Christ, the Fountain, come!

3 Yes, whosoever will,
Oh, let him freely come,
And freely drink the stream of life;
'Tis Jesus bids him come.

4 Lo! Jesus, who invites,
Declares, "I quickly come:"
Lord, even so; we wait Thine hour:
O blest Redeemer, come!

Unknown.

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THOU Judge of quick and dead,
Before whose bar severe,
With holy joy or guilty dread,
We all shall soon appear!—

2 Our anxious souls prepare
For that tremendous day;
Come, fill us now with watchful care,
And stir us up to pray;—

3 To pray, and wait the hour,
That awful hour unknown,
When robed in majesty and power,
Thou shalt from heaven come down!

4 Oh, may we all be found
Obedient to Thy word,—
Attentive to the trumpet's sound,
And looking for our Lord!

C. Wesley.

NOW, consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

2 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God;

3 But exhort one another daily, while it is called to-day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

4 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know, therefore, and see, that it is an evil thing, and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God.

5 O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

6 The just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

7 It had been better for them, not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

8 Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

9 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done, shall he die.

10 He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

11 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness, rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

12 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

13 Beware, therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets:

14 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish; for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

15 For, if we sin wilfully, after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins;

16 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment, and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

17 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh; for if they escaped not, who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXXVIII.

O LORD, our God! we worship Thee as the source of light and knowledge; as the Being in whom we live, and move, and from whom cometh down every good gift, and every perfect gift, and with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. We worship Thee as the Being on whom we depend for the common mercies of life, and for all spiritual blessings.

We thank Thee, heavenly Father, for the provisions of mercy in Christ. We thank Thee for all our hopes of salvation through repentance and faith in Him. We thank Thee for that grace and mercy that have followed us all our life. We thank Thee that Thou hast ever been mindful of us, doing us good, even in our unmindfulness of Thee, in our departures from Thy law.

We pray that we may have a just sense of the mercies we have received from Thy hand, and of our obligations of gratitude and obedience to Thee. May we be mindful of the provisions of mercy in Christ, and may we receive Christ as our Saviour. May we understand His teaching, His example, His character, and may we regard His instructions. May we be conformed to His example. May the same mind be in us, which was also in Him; and may He be made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption. May we be His disciples, and heirs to an inheritance in the kingdom of God.

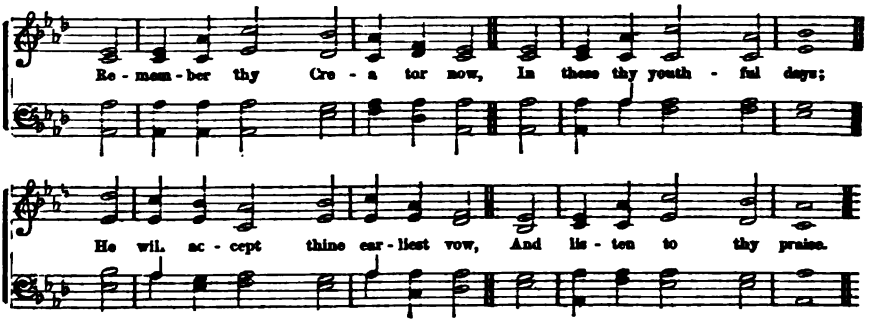
O Thou source of all blessing, bless us in all our studies, in all our endeavours to improve our minds, and to acquire that knowledge that will fit us, in the best manner to perform the duties, and to meet the responsibilities of future life. May we be diligent and faithful. May we esteem these moments for intellectual improvement, these seasons preparatory to the labors of future years, precious.

We beseech Thee to bless our institutions of learning, and benevolence, and religion. May they be conducted in such a manner as to accomplish the purpose for which they were established. May they be instrumental in the universal diffusion of light, and knowledge, and salvation.

Regard in mercy, we beseech Thee, this nation. Smile upon all classes of the people. Bless the rich and the poor, the learned and the ignorant. May they have the peculiar mercies suited to their necessities. Here may all the blessings of knowledge and temperance, of civilization and religion, be every where experienced. Here may God be honored in the triumph of His kingdom, and in the salvation of men. May an influence go forth from this nation to bless the nations of the earth, till all men shall know Thee, and all tongues shall praise Thee.

Wilt Thou hear us in our prayer, and accept and save us, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

Erdie Tenny.



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REMEMBER thy Creator now,
In these thy youthful days;
He will accept thine earliest vow,
And listen to thy praise.

2 Remember thy Creator now,
Seek him while He is near;
For evil days will come, when thou
Shalt find no comfort here.

3 Remember thy Creator now;
His willing servant be;
Then, when thy head in death shall bow
He will remember thee.

4 Almighty God, our hearts incline
Thy heavenly voice to hear;
Let all our future days be Thine,
Devoted to Thy fear.

Unknown.

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SAVIOUR, Thy precept is not hid,
Nor is Thy love forgot—
We come, whom Thou didst not forbid,
And man forbids us not.

2 To us Thy heavenly grace impart,
And let the words of truth
Be inly grafted in our heart,
And nurtured in our youth.

3 O, with the seed Thy sowers sow,
That early dew distil,
By which we may not only know,
But love, and do Thy will.

4 O hear us, as with one accord
Our grateful song we raise,
And out of children's mouths, O Lord,
Again perfect Thy praise.

Unknown.

THEN were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.

2 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

3 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them; and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

4 Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

5 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

6 I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me.

7 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

8 O, satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice, and be glad all our days.

9 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee; my flesh longeth for thee.

10 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments,

11 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments,

12 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

13 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

14 Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

15 And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you, for his name's sake.

17 I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one; I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

18 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

19 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

20 Honor thy father, and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

21 Now, therefore, hearken unto me, O ye children; for blessed are they that keep my ways.

Prayer.—Lesson LXXXIX.

HEAVENLY FATHER, encouraged by Thy promises to the young, we ask Thee to give us the spirit of adoption, by which we shall cry Abba, Father. Be Thou our reconciled God and Father in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We thank Thee for the evidence which Thy word and the history of Thy Church give us, that children and youth may learn to love Thy name and do Thy will. Thou hast commanded the young to remember Thee, and hast given Thy promise, that those who seek Thee early shall find Thee.

Shepherd of Israel, rebuke the unbelief of Thy people, respecting the conversion of the young; even as Thou didst rebuke Thy disciples when they would have hindered such from coming to Thee.

Bless, we beseech Thee, the various means which are now used to fill the minds of the young with religious truth. Let not this condemnation come upon them, that they know Thy will, but do it not. O, may their privileges be to them as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as showers that water the earth, and cause it to bring forth beauty, and verdure and fruit. Make all our schools and seminaries nurseries of piety as well as of learning.

O, Thou great Teacher, bestow Thy choicest favors on those who are now in training for the active duties of life in this, and in other institutions of learning. Shelter them from the dangers to which they are exposed by ambition, infidelity and corruption.

Gracious God, make these institutions favorable, in the highest degree, for the promotion of useful learning and sound morals.

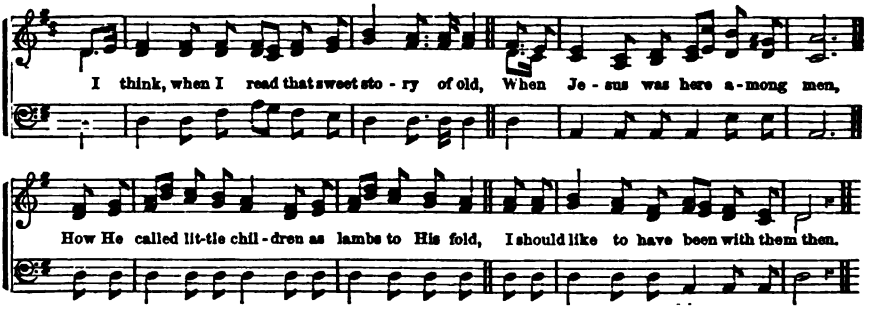
While pupils are drinking from the fountains of human knowledge, may they also draw water from the wells of salvation. May they be prepared to go forth into the walks of life, laden with the mingled treasures of wisdom and piety. Lord, remember pious students. Suffer them not to forsake or dishonor their profession. Give them willing hearts and abundant opportunities to do good in their station.

Raise up among us many who shall be burning and shining lights. Watch over all who are absent from the wholesome restraints of home. Let them not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners. May they shun, as they would the pestilence, the dwellings of vice.

Heavenly Father, bless all the youth of our land; preserve them from corrupting influences. May they learn that youth is the time to serve the Lord; that now is the accepted time and the day of salvation. May they yield to Thy persuasive entreaties to seek Thee early.

These blessings we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who has taught us to pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

Closet Companion.



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I THINK, when I read that sweet story of old,
When Jesus was here among men,
How He called little children as lambs to His fold,
I should like to have been with them then.

2 I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,
That His arm had been thrown around me,
And that I might have seen His kind look, when He said,
"Let the little ones come unto me."

3 Yet still to His footstool in prayer I may go,
And ask for a share in His love;
And if I thus earnestly seek Him below,
I shall see Him and hear Him above.

4 In that beautiful place He has gone to prepare,
For all who are washed and forgiven;
And many dear children are gathering there,
"For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

5 I long for the joys of that glorious time,
The sweetest, and brightest, and best,
When the dear little children of every clime,
Shall crowd to His arms and be blest.

Unknown.

AND the child (Jesus) grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him; and Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

2 And the child (John) grew and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts, till the day of his showing unto Israel.

3 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial, they knew not the LORD.

4 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. And he worshipped the LORD there.

5 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

6 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

7 The word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, Before I formed thee, I knew thee; and before thou wast born, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

8 Then said I, Ah, LORD God! behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child.

9 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee, thou shalt speak.

10 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare.

11 A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

12 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causes shame, and bringeth reproach.

13 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

14 Honor thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

15 Instead of thy fathers, shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

16 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

17 Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother; and all the people shall say, Amen.

Prayer.—Lesson XC.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father! the heavens declare Thy glory, and the firmament showeth Thy handiwork. We, the most favored, and yet most unworthy of Thy creatures, would implore the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to glorify Thee in our bodies and spirits which are Thine.

We do rejoice, that though clouds and darkness are round about Thee, and righteousness and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne, yet Thou dost invite us to call Thee our Father, and hast declared Thyself more willing to bless us, than earthly parents are to give good gifts unto their children; and hast promised that Thou wilt be the Guide of our youth, and the Strength of our maturer years, if we only put our trust in Thee.

We bless and adore Thy holy name, that Thou hast not only declared Thyself our Father, but hast provided us with an atoning Saviour, who, when upon earth, didst love and sympathize with the young and inexperienced, and is now sitting at Thy right hand to intercede for all who will call upon Thee through Him.

We thank Thee that so many of us have had Christian parents to teach us the way of life. And we do pray that our hearts may be so filled with gratitude to Thee for Thy goodness to us, that we may yearn over those who have had no one to care for their souls; and that the energies of our lives, directed by Thy Spirit, may be devoted to reclaiming the wandering and neglected.

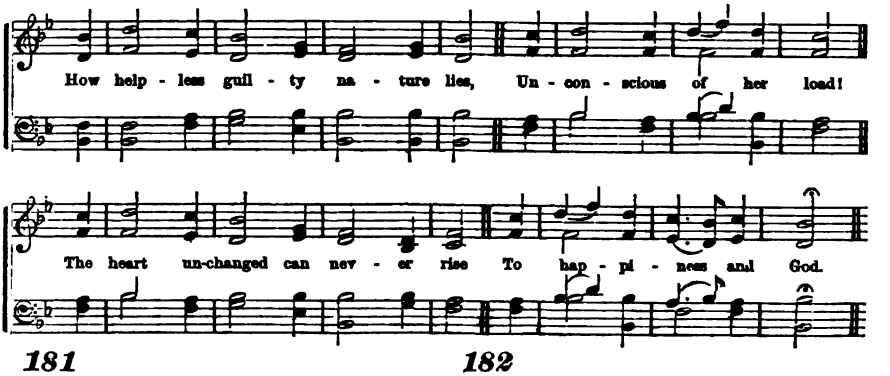
We pray that Thou wilt bless every institution which has for its aim the advancement of Thy kingdom among the children of men.

Bless, we beseech Thee, the rising generations; follow with Thy Spirit every effort to bring them to Christ, and may the day be not far distant, when around every hearth-stone in our own favored land, there shall be erected an altar to Thy praise, where parents and children shall unite in making their earthly dwelling a type of that home—which is to be eternal, in one of those many mansions which Thou, dear Saviour, hast gone to prepare for those that love Thee.

And to Thy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we will ascrib praises forever. Amen.

Peter B. Simons.

The Necessity of a **BALERMA. C. M** *Change of Heart.*



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HOW helpless guilty nature lies,
Unconscious of her load!
The heart unchanged can never rise
To happiness and God.

2 Can aught beneath a power divine
The stubborn will subdue?
'Tis Thine, Almighty Saviour, Thine
To form the heart anew.

3 'Tis Thine the passions to recall,
And upward bid them rise;
To make the scales of error fall
From reason's darkened eyes;—

4 Oh, change these wretched hearts of ours,
And give them life divine!
Then shall our passions and our powers,
Almighty Lord, be Thine.

Mrs. Steel.

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LORD, how secure my conscience was,
And felt no inward dread!
I was alive without the law,
And thought my sins were dead.

2 My hopes of heaven were firm and bright,
But since the precept came
With such convincing power and light,
I find how vile I am.

3 My guilt appeared but small before,
Till I with terror saw
How perfect, holy, just, and pure
Is Thine eternal law.

4 My God! I cry with every breath,
For some kind power to save;
Oh, break the yoke of sin and death,
And thus redeem the slave.

Watts.

THERE is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. In many things we offend, all.

2 The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

3 The good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

4 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

5 We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

6 The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it?

7 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

8 Jesus said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

9 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

10 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

11 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

12 Of his own will begat he us, with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

13 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

14 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

15 Whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

16 It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.

17 And Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

18 Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Prayer.—Lesson XCI.

O LORD, Thou art glorious in holiness, and canst not look upon sin.

We are, by nature, unholy, having hearts "deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." We have wandered far from Thee by transgression, and there is no health in us. We bless Thee that Thou hast not left us in our guilt and helpless estrangement to wander and perish.

By the gift of Thy beloved Son to bear our iniquities, Thou hast made provision for our cleansing, and for our restoration to Thy favor and fellowship.

We approach the footstool of Thy throne by this new and living Way, which Thou hast consecrated for us, beseeching Thee, for His sake, who is our Advocate, Jesus, the Righteous, to hear our prayer, and so to influence our minds and hearts by Thy Spirit, that we may clearly apprehend the teachings of Thy word, and see ourselves in the light which it sheds upon our character. So reveal to those of us who are still in the "bonds of iniquity," the depravity of our hearts, and so cause us to feel the bitterness of sin, that we may be led to earnest repentance and to saving faith in Jesus, through whom alone we can obtain forgiveness and the renewal of our nature. Beget in each breast the earnest prayer: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Then to each penitent, trusting heart, we beseech Thee, O Lord, reveal Christ as the atoning Lamb, the Saviour of sinners. Thus begotten again unto a lively hope, may we henceforth serve and please Thee, in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

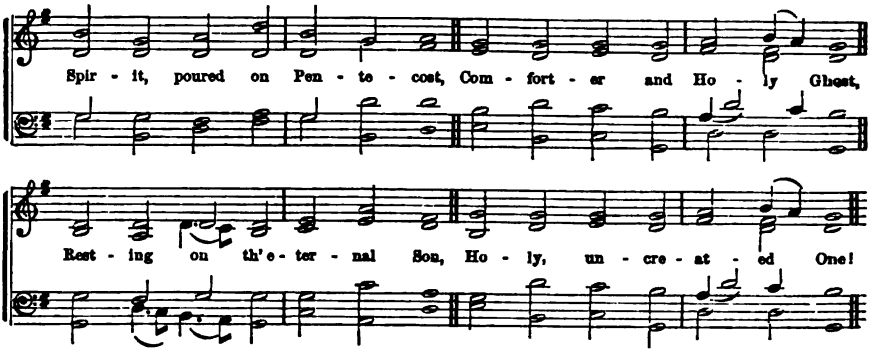
We bless Thee, O Lord and heavenly Father, for Thy sparing mercy towards us and our guilty race. May we find in this a perpetual incentive to a life of holy love and dutiful obedience.

This day, and every added day of our life, may all our affections, desires and activities tend toward Thee, our Author and our End.

May Thy conscious presence, this day, be our shield, our joy, our strength; and may all its passing moments bear witness to the sincerity of our repentance, and the earnestness of our purpose to do the will of our heavenly Father. We ask all in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

D. C. Van Norman.

Prayer for the Spirit's Influence **NUREMBURG. 7s.** *Enjoined and Exemplified.*



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SPIRIT, poured on Pentecost,
Comforter and Holy Ghost,
Resting on the eternal Son,
Holy, uncreated One!

2 Breath of Life, Thine aid impart,
Waken every slumbering heart,
Every grovelling soul refine,
With Thy power and grace divine.

3 Sanctifier, seal our hearts
With the truth Thy word imparts;
Sacred truths and themes instil,
And Thy pleasure all fulfil.

4 There let Christ replace His throne,
And possess us for His own,
Till our bodies all shall be
Temples to Thy Deity.

Unknown.

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HOLY Ghost, with light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine:
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn my darkness into day.

2 Holy Ghost, with power divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine.
Long hath sin, without control,
Held dominion o'er my soul.

3 Holy Ghost, with joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine:
Bid my many woes depart,
Heal my wounded, bleeding heart.

4 Holy Spirit, all Divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine:
Cast down every idol-throne;
Reign supreme, and reign alone!

Reed.

AND the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh.

2 But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit; therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

3 The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

4 God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

5 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

6 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

7 If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

8 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Uphold me with thy free Spirit.

9 When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.

10 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

11 When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.

12 Jesus said, I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

13 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might in the inner man.

14 Now he that hath wrought us for the self-same thing is God, who also hath given us the earnest of the Spirit.

15 Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

16 Unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven.

17 Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence. Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

18 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

19 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Prayer.—Lesson XCII.

O GOD, the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, the Comforter of Thy people, pour into our hearts an abundance of Thy influence; and enable us to worship Thee who art a spirit, in spirit and in truth. Give us to feel that we have received Thee as our Comforter, bestowed upon us by our Father, through the intercession of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Enlighten our minds with Thy light, purify our hearts with Thy purity, and guide us by Thy love into the way which is right.

May we never grieve Thee, blessed Spirit, by our coldness, indifference, and folly; knowing that by Thee we are sealed unto the day of redemption. Grant unto us Thy sword, O Holy Ghost, that we may fight manfully beneath Thy banner, against sin, the world, and the devil, and come off more than conquerors through Him that hath loved us.

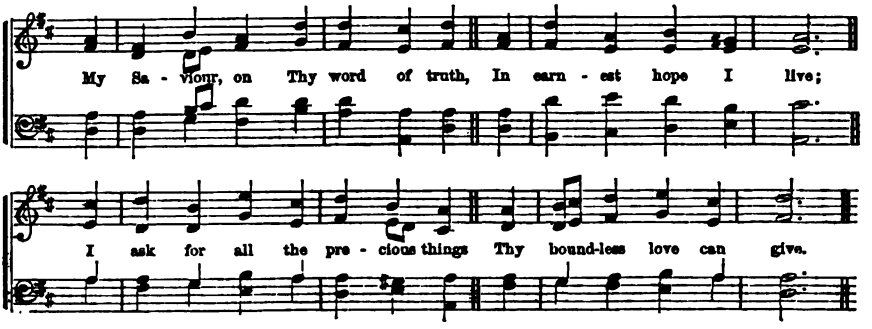
May we obey Thy quiet teachings and exhortations to godliness; and may we ever have Thy witness that we are the children of God, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

Especially help us to feel that we are Thy temple, and that Thou art dwelling within us; and may such a thought enable us to seek that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. May we examine the state of this living temple, and strive constantly to make it a proper habitation for Thy Spirit.

And, O God, in our days of trial, when our sky is draped in gloom, all cheerless, all starless; when the cross is heavy, and the crown appears far, far from us—when our language is, "Behold ye that pass by, and see if any sorrow is like my sorrow," then, blessed Spirit, unveil Thyself as our Comforter, "and give unto us beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise, for the spirit of heaviness." And, when the last trial comes, when we are stepping into Jordan's waters, when heart and flesh fail, when the eye is closing upon earthly affection and earthly scenes, do Thou abide with us, and sweetly whisper of the presence of Jesus, who is "the Resurrection and the Life," and point us to His fond and loving bosom upon which we may rest as the lamp of life goes out.

These blessings, and all else which we need, we ask through Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and our God, we ascribe glory, honor, power and dominion, world without end. Amen.

George Bringhurst.



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MY Saviour, on Thy word of truth
In earnest hope I live,
I ask for all the precious things
Thy boundless love can give.

2 Thou knowest that I am not blest
As Thou wouldst have me be,
Till all the peace and joy of faith
Possess my soul in Thee;

3 Until I find, O Lord, in Thee—
The lowly and the meek—
That fulness which Thy own redeemed
Go nowhere else to seek.

4 And while I wait for all Thy joys
My yearning heart to fill,
Teach me to walk and work with Thee,
And at Thy feet sit still.

Anna L. Waring.

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OH! magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt His name;
When in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came.

2 The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance He affords to all
Who on His succor trust.

3 Oh! make but trial of His love;
Experience will decide—
How blest are they, and only they,
Who in His truth confide.

4 Fear Him, ye saints! and ye will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make ye His service your delight—
He'll make your wants His care.

Tate and Brady.

MY heart rejoiceth in the LORD; mine horn is exalted in the LORD; my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the LORD: neither is there any Rock like our God.

2 The jailer was baptized, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

3 Now the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

4 Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ:

5 By whom, also, we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

6 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations, also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience.

7 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, wherein ye greatly rejoice. These things write we unto you that your joy may be full.

8 We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

9 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

10 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

11 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

12 At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them.

13 Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

14 Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad, also, with exceeding joy.

15 Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake;

16 Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

17 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

18 Cast not away, therefore, your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

Prayer.—Lesson XCIII.

O LORD, our God, Thou God of all grace and peace; Thou art the Fountain of our joy, and the Author of our hope. Our hearts rejoice in Thee. Thou art our Rock; neither is there any rock like Thee, our God. We beseech Thee to hear us; accept our service of worship and praise through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Work, Thou, faith in our hearts, that we, being justified thereby, may have peace with Thee through Jesus Christ. Fill us with all joy and peace in believing; cause us to abound in hope, through the power of Thy Holy Spirit; and keep us, by Thy power, through faith unto salvation.

Shed abroad in our hearts the love of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, that in Him, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we may rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory. Give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may have, not the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

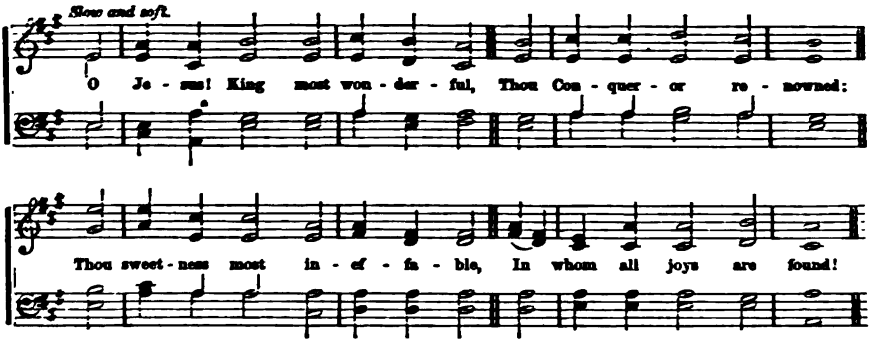
We thank Thee for all past and present good. We will trust in Thee for all we need in the future. Enable us to trust Thee fully, even when clouds and darkness are about Thee. We thank Thee for life, for health, and strength, and for all our opportunities and privileges. Help us to so improve them as those that must give account.

Give us a teachable mind and a quiet spirit. Make us like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done by us through strife or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than ourselves. Help us to look not every one upon his own things, but every one also on the things of others. Give us strength of body, health, and vigor of mind. Enable us to perform all our duties in Thy fear, and to Thy glory.

May each day leave us wiser, better, holier than the preceding. Help us to follow Jesus as our great Teacher; help us to sit at His feet, and learn of Him; help us to consecrate to Him all our time, our talents, and our attainments. Enable us to acquire that culture of heart which is better than all mental culture; give us spiritual wisdom and understanding. Make us each one to be, in our day and generation, a blessing to our fellow-men. Make us willing to be, and qualify us to be, co-workers with Christ in redeeming our world from ignorance and sin, and in building up His glorious kingdom of righteousness and peace.

Forgive our sins; wash us in the atoning blood of Christ, and prepare us, when our work here below is done, to enter into that rest which remaineth for the people of God. And now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

J. K. McLean.



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2 When once Thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine;
Then earthly vanities depart,
Then kindles love divine.

3 O Jesus, Light of all below!
Thou fount of life and fire!
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire,—

3 Thee may our tongues for ever bless:
Thee may we love alone;
And ever in our life express
The image of Thine own.

Bernard.

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THE heart that ministers for Thee
In Thy own work will rest;
The subject spirit of a child
Can serve Thy children best.

2 Mine be the reverent, listening love
That waits all day on Thee,
With service of a watchful heart
Which no one else can see,—

3 The faith that, in a hidden way
No other eye may know,
Finds all its daily work prepared,
And loves to have it so.

Miss Waring.

THOU, Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind; for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever.

2 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

3 Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The LORD is with you while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

4 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land.

5 They that wait upon the LORD, shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

6 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from thee shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD.

7 Ye shall be hated of all men for my name sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

8 Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

9 Then said Jesus to those Jews that believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.

10 Peter and John answered, and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

11 Behold, therefore, the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

12 Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

13 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

14 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

15 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

16 To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

17 Wherefore, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run, with patience, the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Prayer.—Lesson XCIV.

O LORD God, our Heavenly Father, we bow in Thy holy presence to worship Thee. Grant us an audience, in mercy. We come not to proclaim before Thee our merits, or to boast of our good deeds in Thy sight. We confess our sins, our constant proneness to go astray from Thee. Pardon all our past offences, we humbly beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake. We appear in His name; we plead His merits; through His atonement, and perfect obedience of Thy law, be at peace with us, and pardon our transgressions.

Thy law is holy, just and good; but we have broken it in thought, in word, and in action. Even when we would do good, evil is present with us. The justice of Thy law condemns us, and we have no other plea of pardon, but, that Jesus has died for just such guilty ones as we. We find a law in our members warring against the law of our mind, and bringing us into captivity to sin.

Alas, how often have we returned again to the same folly, against which we had resolved with special care to guard our lives. We feel that we have no inherent power to guard ourselves, and temptations are assailing us on every side.

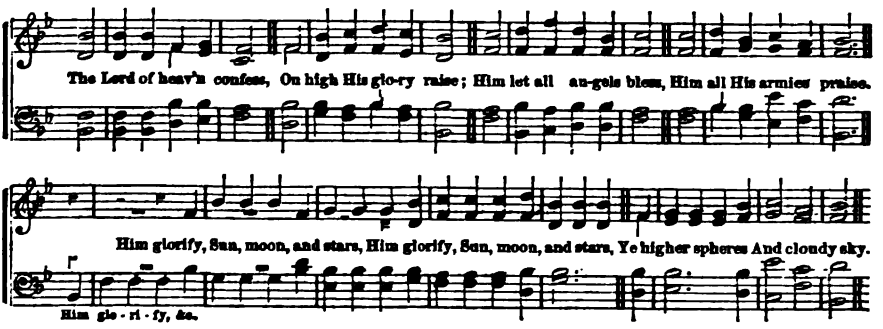
We fly to Thee, O God, and we beseech Thee throw around us Thy protecting care—Thy paternal favor. We entreat Thee, not only *lead us not into temptation*, but also *to deliver* us from evil; from the evil desires of our own hearts, from the evil snares of the world around us, and from the evil devices of Satan.

Assembled to impart and to receive instruction in knowledge that may fit us to act well our part in the world, may we ever bear in mind that the *fountain* of wisdom, is Thy holy *Truth*. Help us daily to lay up in the store-house of our memories some of its precious gems of thought, and to reduce to practice its rules of life. Though we have so often forgotten Thy law, and its holy precepts condemn us, yet we will hope in Thy mercy, and plead forgiveness for Thy dear Son's sake.

Help us this day to keep Thy law, to obey Thy commandments, to honor Thee. May we grow both in wisdom and in virtue. Aid our minds to embrace the truth, and may the truth make us free. May we be permitted to *feel* that we *are* making progress, not only in science, but in the knowledge of ourselves and of Thee.

Again we invoke Thy special presence with us, and Thy particular care over each one of us. We are helpless, but Thou art omnipotent. Defend us from evil, guide us by Thy Spirit, and when we have completed our earthly mission, into mansions of everlasting rest receive us all, through the merits of an Infinite Redeemer, unto whom, with Thee, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, we will ascribe everlasting praise. Amen.

Gilbert Combs.



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THE Lord of heav'n confess,
On high His glory raise.
Him let all angels bless,
Him all His armies praise.
Him glorify, | Ye higher spheres,
Sun, moon, and stars; | And cloudy sky.

2 From God your beings are,
Him therefore famous make;
You all created were,
When He the word but spake.
And from that place, | By His decree,
Where fix'd you be | You cannot pass.

3 Praise God from earth below,
Ye dragons, and ye deeps:
Fire, hail, clouds, wind, and snow,
Whom in command He keeps.
Praise ye His name, | Trees low and tall;
Hills great and small, | Beasts wild and tame;

4 All things that creep or fly.
Ye kings, ye vulgar throng,
All princes mean or high;
Both men and virgins young;
Ev'n young and old, | For much His fame
Exalt His name; | Shall be extoll'd.

Scotch Version.

GOD speaketh once, yea, twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

2 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

3 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

5 LORD, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

6 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained: what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 The wrath of God is revealed from heaven, against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness,

8 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them.

9 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

10 Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened

11 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

12 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature, more than the Creator, who is blessed forever, Amen.

13 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

14 When the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature, the things contained in the law; these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which show the work of the law, written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts, the meanwhile, accusing, or else excusing one another.

16 Wherefore be not unwise, but understanding what the will of God is.

DOXOLOGY.

To God the Father, Son,
And Spirit, ever blest,
Eternal Three in One,
All worship be addrest;
As heretofore | And shall be so
It was, is now, | For evermore.

Prayer.—Lesson XCV.

O GOD, Thou art the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Have mercy on us, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, and cause Thy face to shine upon us.

We thank Thee that Thou hast fashioned us in Thine own image, and that Thou hast made us immortal. O God, visit us continually, and show us Thy salvation.

We thank Thee for the sure Word of Prophecy that shines upon our minds and hearts, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Intercessor. Thou hast visited and blessed us with innumerable blessings. Forsake us not, O God, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

O, send upon us Thy Holy Spirit, Thou ever-living and true God, and enter and sanctify our hearts and lives, that we may be Thine forever. Enable us to come to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. Grant us faith in His infinite merits, and enable us in all things to follow His blessed example. Help us to cultivate our minds and hearts, and to devote all to the promotion of Thy glory. Be with us this day. Grant us wisdom, truth and grace, that in all things, we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

Bless this institution of learning. Guide and illumine both teachers and scholars. Put honor on Thy Word. May all envy, and wrath, and malice, and clamor, and evil-speaking, and every evil work be banished hence. Grant, O God, that we all may cherish the graces of Thy Spirit, that we may be diligent, fervent and faithful to the end. Help us to be truthful, honest, prudent, chaste and righteous, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Help us to succor the poor and needy. Help us to be abundant in every good word and work, and to spend and be spent for Christ. Pour out Thy Spirit, O God, upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Glory. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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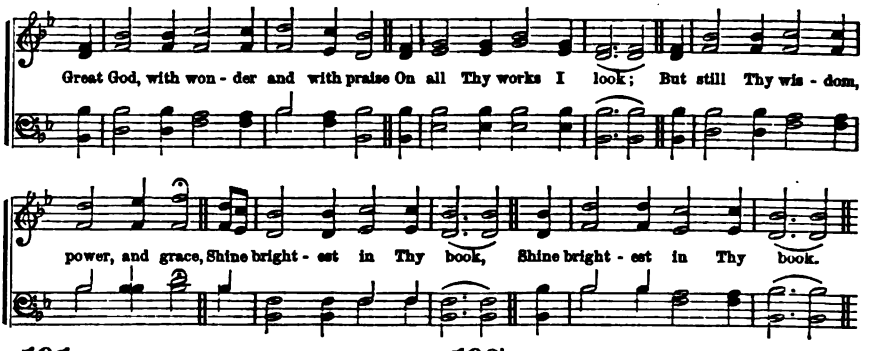

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GREAT God, with wonder and with praise
On all Thy works I look;
But still Thy wisdom, power and grace,
Shine brightest in Thy book.

2 Here would I learn how Christ has died
To save my soul from hell;
Not all the books on earth beside,
Such heavenly wonders tell.

3 Here are my choicest treasures hid;
Here my best comfort lies;
Here my desires are satisfied,
And here my hopes arise.

4 Then let me love my Bible more,
And take a fresh delight,
By day to read these wonders o'er,
And meditate by night.

Unknown.

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GOD'S law is perfect, and converts
The soul in sin that lies;
God's testimony is most sure,
And makes the simple wise.

2 The statutes of the Lord are right,
And do rejoice the heart:
The Lord's command is pure, and doth
Light to the eyes impart.

3 Unspotted is the fear of God,
And doth endure forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true
And righteous altogether.

4 Moreover, they Thy servant warn
How he his life should frame:
A great reward provided is
For them that keep the same.

Scotch Version.

SEARCH the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.

2 Wherewithal shall a young man learn to cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

3 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

4 Moreover, by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

5 To the law, and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

6 As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater;

7 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

8 It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

9 They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

10 If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

11 For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scripture might have hope.

12 Wherefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word or our epistle.

13 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

14 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son.

15 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

16 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass.

17 These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing, ye might have life through his name.

Prayer.—Lesson XCVI.

O LORD, we bless and praise Thy name, because Thou hast revealed Thyself to us in the Scriptures of Truth. Thou hast made known to us Thy glory, and taught us all Thy adorable perfections. Thou hast proclaimed Thyself in Thy word the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth; a God of truth and without iniquity; all whose ways are judgment, and who will by no means clear the guilty. In Thy word, Thou hast given us Thy holy law. Thou hast made us to know our sins, and hast set all our iniquities in the light of Thy countenance.

Thou hast given us exceeding great and precious promises, and taught us of the land that is very far off. Thy word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

O God, we confess with sorrow our neglect of Thy holy word. From our childhood we have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation, but we have need to be taught the first principles of the oracles of God. Though Thou hast written to us the great things of Thy law, they have been counted as a strange thing.

O Lord, do Thou teach us to love Thy law. Incline our hearts to search the Scriptures. Persuade us, O God, by Thy Holy Spirit, of the exceeding value of Thy word. May we feel that the gold and the crystal cannot equal it, and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. Make it sweeter to our taste than honey. May it be our study all the day.

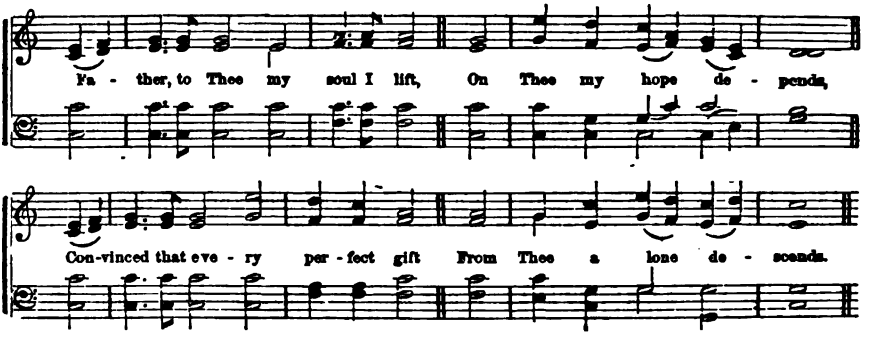
O gracious Father, do Thou send forth the Spirit of Thy Son into our hearts, that He may open our hearts to receive Thy word. Do Thou give us wisdom to understand it, and faith to believe upon it. May its promises cheer our hearts, and its laws constrain our obedience. Beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, may we be changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

O Lord, do Thou spread abroad Thy word. Have pity, our Father in heaven, upon the lands where there is no vision, and the people perish. May the angel that has the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, bear it speedily to all nations. Lead men every where to love and obey it. Lead all nations to take it as their law. May our government, and all governments, be guided by its precepts. May religion, and order, and liberty, and education, be every where enjoyed as its fruits.

May Thy law, O Lord, guide us all to Thine own presence. May all of us who worship Thee here, be instructed, and comforted, and helped by Thy word, till we come to see Thee face to face.

To Thy name we ascribe strength, and glory, and blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

T. P. Stevenson.



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FATHER, to Thee my soul I lift,
On Thee my hope depends,
Convinced that every perfect gift
From Thee alone descends.

2 Mercy and grace are Thine alone,
And power and wisdom, too;
Without the Spirit of Thy Son,
We nothing good can do.

3 Thou all our works in us hast wrought,
Our good is all divine;
The praise of every holy thought
And righteous word is Thine.

4 From Thee, through Jesus, we receive
The power on Thee to call,
In whom we are, and move, and live:
Our God is all in all.

Unknown.

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WHY should the children of a King
Go mourning all their days?
Great Comforter! descend and bring
Some tokens of Thy grace.

2 Dost Thou not dwell in all the saints
And seal the heirs of heaven?
When wilt Thou banish my complaints,
And show my sins forgiven?

3 Assure my conscience of her part
In the Redeemer's blood;
And bear Thy witness with my heart,
That I am born of God.

4 Thou art the earnest of His love,
The pledge of joys to come:
And Thy soft wings, celestial Dove,
Will safe convey me home.

Watts.

WHEN the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

2 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.

3 Because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

4 When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come.

5 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you.

6 All things that the Father hath are mine; therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.

7 Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

8 It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.

9 And on my servants, and on my handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my Spirit.

10 Then the Spirit saith unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot.

11 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I except some man should guide me?

12 Jesus, beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. Then opened he their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures.

13 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?

14 A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

15 It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

16 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight.

Prayer.—Lesson XCVII.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, the searcher of hearts, to whom all thoughts and deeds are alike known, we need to humble ourselves before Thee. Our sins and short-comings are more than we can number. It is of Thy compassion that we are permitted to confess them and ask for wisdom and strength to forsake them.

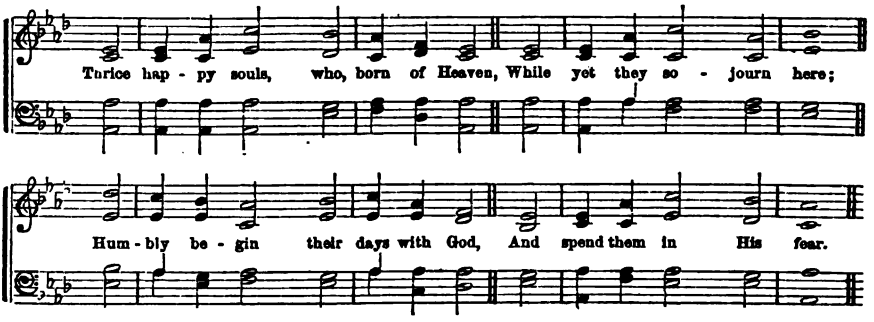
It is of Thy mercy that our lots have been cast in a land where the full light of Thy revealed will is shining strongly upon all the people. We thank Thee for the revelation of Thyself in the New Testament of Thy Word, and for all the hopes and promises which that Word contains. We thank Thee for the power of that Word to reach and renovate the hearts and lives of men. We pray that Thy Spirit may endue that Word with a power that cannot be resisted; and, that those who read, and those who hear, may be made willing to accept the faith of the Gospel, heed its invitations, turn their faces heavenward, and press deeper and deeper into the knowledge of Him whom to know is life eternal.

May the faith of all Thy people be quickened and invigorated by the excellency of the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. Let it seem good in Thy sight, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, to give us new hearts, and to renew our spirits, to take away our stony hearts and give us hearts of flesh; to open our understandings, and reveal unto us the things concerning Thyself until our spirits burn with love to Thee and to our fellow-men.

And be pleased to work in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. May the Spirit of Truth descend upon us, and guide us into all truth. May Christianity and Christian civilization, with all their blessings soon pervade all the kingdoms of this world. May Thy servants be embued from on high with such power and grace, as shall, with Thy blessing, give them abundant success in their ministry.

May all who occupy stations of authority and influence learn to ask wisdom of Him who giveth liberally. May our country be ruled in Thy fear and under the guidance of Him who cannot err. Bless all for whom we should make supplication, and prepare them for whatever is awaiting them in Thy Providence, but especially endue them with full faith in Him in whom to believe is life eternal. And grant us all remission of our sins through our Lord and Saviour, to whom be all the praise. Amen.

Stephen Colwell.



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THRICE happy souls, who, born of Heaven,
While yet they sojourn here,
Humbly begin their days with God,
And spend them in His fear.

2 So may our eyes with holy zeal
Prevent the dawning day;
And turn the sacred pages o'er,
And praise Thy name, and pray.

3 'Midst hourly cares may love present
Its incense to Thy throne;
And, while the world our hands employs,
Our hearts be Thine alone.

4 In solid, pure delights like these,
Let all my days be passed;
Nor shall I then impatient wish,
Nor shall I fear the last.

Doddridge.

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OH, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace,
To know and do His will!

2 O send Thy Spirit down to write
Thy law upon my heart!
Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,
Nor act the liar's part.

3 Order my footsteps by Thy word,
And make my heart sincere:
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands,
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head, nor heart, nor hands,
Offend against my God.

Watts.

OWE no man any thing, but to love one another; for this, Thou shalt not commit adultery; Thou shalt not kill; Thou shalt not steal; Thou shalt not bear false witness; Thou shalt not covet.

2 And if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

3 Then one of them asked Jesus a question, saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

4 Jesus saith unto them, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

5 This is the first and great commandment.

6 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

7 And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

8 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

9 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them, for I, the LORD thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

10 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

11 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son nor thy daughter, thy man servant nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

12 Honor thy father, and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

Prayer.—Lesson XCVIII.

MOST HOLY LORD, our God! Creator, Governor, and Proprietor of all men. Thou rulest Thy moral universe by a law which is holy, just and good, holy in its nature, just in its administration, and good in its results. We acknowledge, gratefully and humbly, Thy claim to our obedience and our supreme love. Thou alone hast the power, wisdom and benevolence adequate to the just and complete government of immortal beings, therefore art Thou to be worshipped as the Great God, and the Great King, above all gods. We are creatures of law; our reason, our conscience, our dependence, teach us this. We pray for a clear, an impressive, and a saving sense of Thy government and of Thyself, that we may stand in awe of Thee, and sin not, that we may love Thee, and be constrained to obey.

We are sinners; painfully, fatally distant in heart and life, from the rule which Thou hast given us. "Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep Thy law!" Give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to walk in truth and holiness all the days of our lives. Help us to receive Christ Jesus, who is the "end of the law for righteousness," who has by His perfect obedience and most worthy sacrifice, delivered all true believers from condemnation.

Save us, we beseech Thee, from idolatry. Help us to love Thee with the whole heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. O, deliver us from the spirit, and the act of profaneness; from the violation of sacred time and things; from disobedience to those who have the right to govern us; from causeless enmity; from impurity of conduct and of thought; from falsehood and covetousness. And, that our life and conscience may be in harmony with Thy law, give us the "faith that works by love, purifies the heart, and overcomes the world." We pray, also, that others may be led to love and obey Thy law; that Thy kingdom may "come, and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;" and that the nations may be safe and happy in Thee.

We would see the law as it is illustrated and made honorable in Jesus Christ. We would seek shelter in His ample atonement. We rejoice that Thou art still just, and yet the Justifier of him that believeth. And inasmuch as we are fatally deficient in our legal character and relation, not able either to atone for our past sin, or to keep ourselves holy in the future, having failed, indeed, in all points, and therefore, emphatically guilty, we cast ourselves anew on Thy mercy. We plead what Christ has done for us, what he is to us, as our Redeemer and Advocate.

O let Thy commandments be made known, and Thy salvation be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. Fill the world with the knowledge of Thyself. Grant us Thy forgiveness, O Lord. Prepare us for this life; for its close, and for a glorious immortality, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator. Amen.

E. E. Adams.

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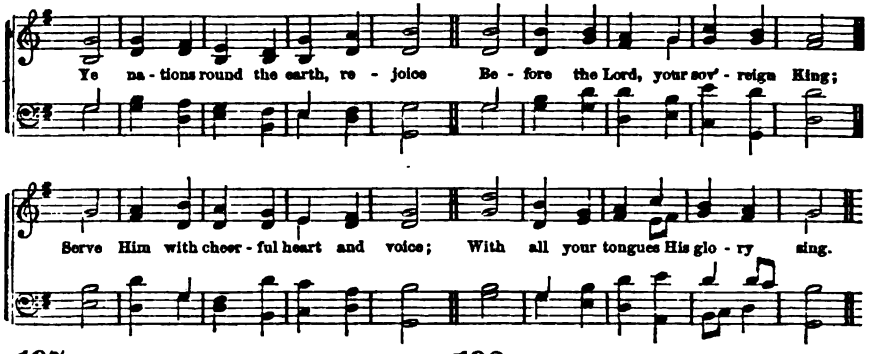

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YE nations round the earth, rejoice
Before the Lord, your sovereign King;
Serve Him with cheerful heart and voice;
With all your tongues His glory sing.

2 The Lord is God; 'tis He alone
Doth life, and breath, and being give:
We are His work, and not our own;
The sheep that on His pastures live.

3 Enter His gates with songs of joy,
With praises to His courts repair;
And make it your divine employ
To pay your thanks and honors there.

4 The Lord is good, the Lord is kind,
Great is His grace, His mercy sure;
And the whole race of man shall find
His truth from age to age endure.

Watts.

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THEE we adore, eternal Lord!
We praise Thy name with one accord;
Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see,
Through all the world do worship Thee.

2 To Thee aloud all angels cry,
The heavens and all the powers on high:
Thee, Holy, holy, holy King,
Lord God of hosts, they ever sing.

3 Th' apostles join the glorious throng;
The prophets swell th' immortal song;
The martyrs' noble army raise
Eternal anthems to Thy praise.

4 From day to day, O Lord, do we
Highly exalt and honor Thee!
Thy name we worship and adore,
World without end, for evermore!

Unknown.

I AM the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the LORD.

2 He is thy LORD: worship thou him.

3 The LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb? or deaf? or the seeing, or the blind? have not I, the LORD?

4 Who is like unto thee, O LORD among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

5 Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD, he is God, in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

6 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

7 Blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

8 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone: thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

9 Thou art the LORD, the God who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham.

10 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee.

11 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the LORD belong the issues from death.

12 Blessed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is excellent: his glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O LORD; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

15 Thus saith the high and lofty One, that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

17 I will raise unto David a righteous Branch—in his days Judah shall be saved—he shall be called THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Prayer.—Lesson XCIX.

O GOD, The King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God; we bow down and worship Thee, and acknowledge that beside Thee, there is no God; for all the gods of the heathen are the work of men's hands.

To Thee, the Father of lights, we render our most humble and hearty thanks, that Thou hast kept us from the wretchedness and ignorance of idolaters, by revealing unto us the knowledge of Thyself and of Thy ways upon earth: that we know Thou art from everlasting to everlasting, the great causeless Cause of all things; that the worlds and all that in them is, were created by Thee, and that Thou hast made us, and not we ourselves.

Open our minds to see, that "the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork;" that "heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory;" that we ourselves are "fearfully and wonderfully made—only a little lower than the angels, and crowned with glory and honor."

May all we learn of Thy works, in the heavens above, and the earth beneath, on the land, in the water, and in the air, all we learn of the exquisite workmanship of our bodies, and their perfect adaptation to the conditions, duties and enjoyments of this present life, and all we learn of the higher capabilities of our souls, fill us with a profound and reverent sense of Thy Almighty power, and of Thy Infinite wisdom and love.

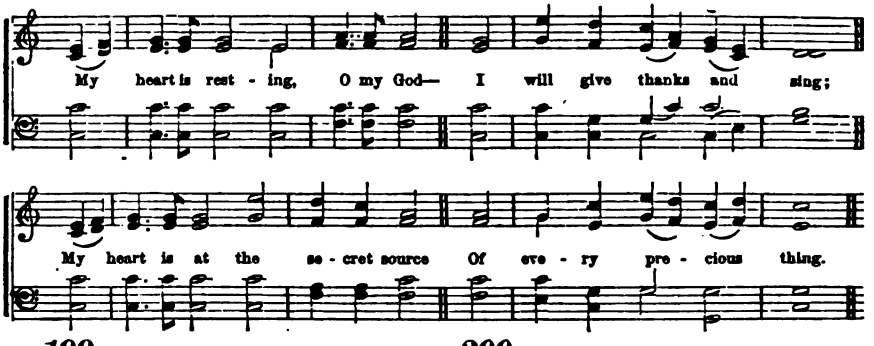
Make us always mindful that Thou hast created us for Thy glory, and that Thou art worthy of our constant praise and obedience. Grant us wisdom to perceive that Thy laws are holy, just and good; that to depart from them, is evil and bitter; but in the keeping of them, there is a great reward.

Incline us to hear and follow the injunction of inspired wisdom: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Fear God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

"We thank Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

"And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen."

Ralph H. Bowles.



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MY heart is resting, O my God,—
I will give thanks and sing;
My heart is at the secret source
Of every precious thing.

2 Now the frail vessel Thou hast made
No hand but thine shall fill;
For waters of the earth have failed,
And I am thirsty still.

3 I thirst for springs of heavenly life,
And here all day they rise;
I seek the treasure of Thy love,
And close at hand it lies.

4 And a new song is in my mouth,
To long-loved music set:
Glory to Thee for all the grace
I have not tasted yet.

Anna L. Waring.

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MINE be the reverent, listening love,
That waits all day on Thee,
With service of a watchful heart
Which no one else can see,—

2 The faith that, in a hidden way,
No other eye may know,
Finds all its daily work prepared,
And loves to have it so.

3 My heart is resting, O my God,
My heart is in Thy care:
I hear the voice of joy and health
Resounding every where.

4 "Thou art my portion," saith my soul,
Ten thousand voices say,
The music of their glad Amen
Will never die away.

Anna L. Waring.

THOU shalt have no other gods before me.
2 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save, and to destroy.

3 Now, therefore, hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes, and unto the judgments which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

4 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you.

5 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did, because of Baal-peor; for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

6 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God are alive, every one of you this day.

7 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

8 Keep, therefore, and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding, in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and an understanding people.

9 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is, in all things that we call upon him for?

10 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

11 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them to thy sons, and thy sons' sons.

12 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

13 He declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments.

14 And thou, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thy heart, though thou knewest all this; but hast lifted up thyself against the LORD of heaven; and thou hast praised the gods of silver and gold, of brass, iron, wood and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and, the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified. Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

Prayer.—Lesson C.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who inhabitest eternity, and whose presence all space doth occupy, with feelings of reverence and deep humility do we come before Thee.

Thy goodness hath surrounded us by day and by night. Thy fatherly arm hath been round about us, protecting us through dangers seen and unseen.

What tribute of praise can we offer Thee, O thou most holy One? Thou hast commanded that we worship Thee, the only living and true God. Yet, in our wickedness and blindness, we have set up in our hearts other gods, thus violating that holy precept: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

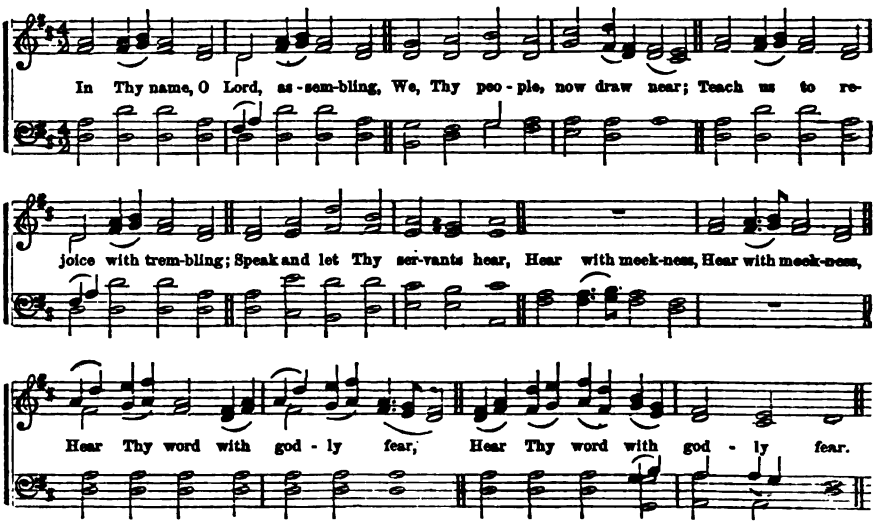
O most holy Father, help us that we may repent of our sins, and may the atoning blood of Christ wash away our guilt.

And now, our heavenly Father, as we surround this altar of worship, may we bring to it grateful hearts and songs of praise. Thy constant and multiplied blessings are new every morning and fresh every evening. Whilst we are unmindful of Thee, and breaking Thy holy law, Thou art mindful of us, supplying our wants, and giving to us every needed blessing. Help us to realize that all these blessings come from Thee, the source and fountain of every good. Thou hast provided a way whereby we may come unto Thee, sinful though we are, and claim Thy promises. Christ has died that we may live, and through His death we have access unto Thy throne. We come to Thee as children to a parent, with no merits of our own, conscious of guilt, pleading for mercy through a crucified Saviour, who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

And now, our heavenly Father, we ask Thy blessing to descend upon this band of worshipping pupils and teachers. Wilt Thou guide us aright in all things, and so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. May we remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Help us, our heavenly Father, while we are seeking for earthly treasure and the wisdom of this world, to realize that all things earthly fade away, and that Thy precepts and promises fail not.

O thou great Teacher of the world, wilt Thou instruct us who are before Thee. May the days, weeks and months we spend here in the pursuit of knowledge, be well improved. May Thy Holy Spirit surround and shield us from the temptations of the world. Help us that we may govern and control ourselves, trusting in Thee for strength. Make us faithful and diligent in study, loving and kind to each other, and ever humble, teachable and obedient. And when life's work on earth is done, may we enter into life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour. Amen.

F. A. Allen.



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IN Thy name, O Lord, assembling,
We, Thy people, now draw near;
Teach us to rejoice with trembling;
Speak, and let Thy servants hear,
Hear with meekness,
Hear Thy word with godly fear.

2 While our days on earth are lengthened,
May we give them, Lord, to Thee,
Cheered by hope, and daily strengthened,
May we run, nor wearied be,
Till Thy glory
Without clouds, in heaven, we see.

3 Then in worship, purer, sweeter,
Thee, Thy people shall adore,
Tasting of enjoyment greater
Far than thought conceived before;
Full enjoyment,
Full, unmixed, and evermore.

Kelly.

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GOD is in His holy temple,
All the earth keep silence here;
Worship Him in truth and spirit,
Reverence Him with godly fear;
Holy, holy,
Lord of hosts, our Lord, appear.

2 God in Christ reveals His presence,
Throned upon the mercy-seat:
Saints, rejoice! and sinners, tremble!
Each prepare his God to meet:
Lowly, Lowly,
Bow adoring at His feet.

3 Though the heaven, and heaven of heavens,
O Thou great Unsearchable!
Art too mean to comprehend Thee,
Thou with man art pleased to dwell;
Welcome, welcome,
God with us, Immanuel.

Montgomery.

THIS is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

2 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he, also, is to be feared above all gods; for all the gods of the people are idols; but the LORD made the heavens.

4 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.

5 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart.

6 I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name forever and ever.

7 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools.

8 Let all things be done decently and in order.

9 As for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

10 God is a Spirit; and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth.

11 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.

12 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.

13 As he which hath called you is holy, s be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

14 Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

15 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glory God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

16 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee.

Prayer.—Lesson CI.

OH! Thou great Source of purity, of intelligence and of happiness, command a blessing upon us who daily congregate here, to prosecute the ennobling work of developing the powers with which Thou hast endowed us, by the use of those means, which Thy good providence has placed within our reach.

In arriving at the consciousness of our abilities, and in the attainments we make in knowledge, may we, in some faint degree, approximate Thy glorious perfections. For Thou hast made us only a little lower than the angels.

Oh! restore to us Thine own image, which has been so marred by transgression, that we may not only love knowledge for its own sake, and regard it as divine, but so use its treasures when we possess them, as to promote Thy glory upon the earth, and advance the well-being of humanity.

To this end, purify our motives, elevate our aims, discipline our minds, inspire us with an ardent love of truth, as heavenly in its origin, and heavenward in its tendency; and give us courage to follow wherever it leads.

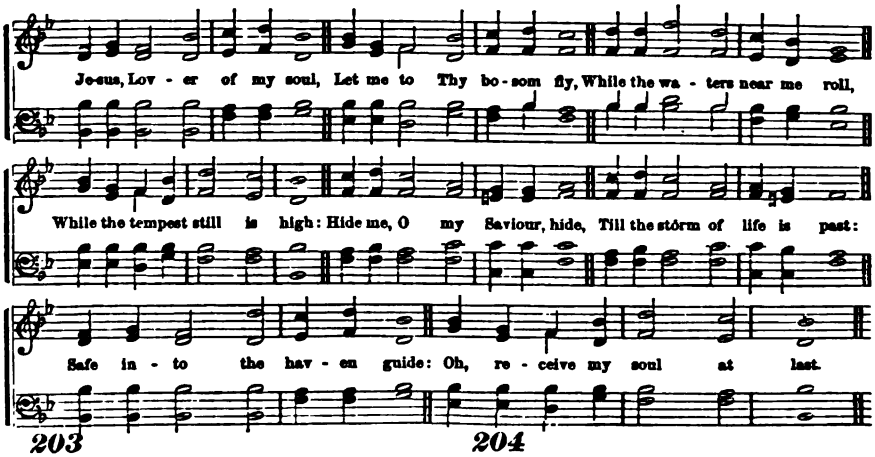
We bless Thee for the revelation of Thy character and will, which Thou hast given to our race in Thy word, and in Thy work.

Teach us to study these volumes in the light of each other, so that we may feel it our highest honor to know Thee the true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

May the grand aim of our lives be to imitate the purity and sincerity of Thy character, so that, whether we worship in the holy of holies, and ask the forgiveness of our sins, or bow down in the outer court of the tabernacle, and adore Thy natural attributes,—we may have minds conscious of the right, the pure, and the true.

These blessings, as Christian students, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. B. Bradford.



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JESUS, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the waters near me roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide:
Oh, receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none:
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee:
Leave, ah! leave me not alone;
Still support and comfort me:
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head,
With the shadow of Thy wing.

C. Wesley.

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LORD, what offering shall we bring,
At Thine altars when we bow?
Hearts, the pure unsullied spring,
Whence the kind affections flow;
Soft compassion's feeling soul,
By the melting eye expressed;
Sympathy, at whose control
Sorrow leaves the wounded breast;

2 Willing hands to lead the blind,
Bind the wounded, feed the poor;
Love, embracing all our kind;
Charity, with liberal store:—
Teach us, O Thou heavenly King,
Thus to show our grateful mind,
Thus th' accepted offering bring,
Love to Thee and all mankind.

I. Taylor.

IF we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

2 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

3 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

4 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; show forth from day to day his salvation.

5 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.

6 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he also is to be feared above all gods.

7 For all the gods of the people are idols; but the LORD made the heavens.

8 Glory and honor are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.

9 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

10 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come before him; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among the nations, the LORD reigneth.

12 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

13 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

14 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, forever and ever. And all the people said, Amen; and praised the LORD.

15 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

16 Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright, will I show the salvation of God.

17 Take good heed, therefore, unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God. If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

Prayer.—Lesson CII.

O GOD, the great Creator of the universe, on whom we depend for life, and breath, and all things; Thou, the eternal Spirit, who requirest that Thy worshippers should worship Thee in spirit and in truth, hear us who come before Thee in the name of Jesus, whom Thou hearest always.

We thank Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself to us in Thy holy word, as a God who hearest prayer, and Thou hast informed us how we should approach Thee, and what services are acceptable to Thee. We have not been left by Thee to wander in darkness, or to direct our course by the comparatively feeble light of nature, nor have we been taught to worship idols, the work of men's hands, but Thou hast given us Thy word, in which are words of eternal live. Enable us, therefore, rightly to use our privileges, and improve all our advantages, and all the talents Thou hast intrusted to us, so that the light we have may not prove to us a curse, rather than a blessing.

Suffer us not, O God, to forget our obligations to Thee, who hast furnished us with so many evidences of Thy loving-kindness; but may Thy goodness lead us to repentance, and dispose our hearts to abhor evil, and serve and love Thee with all the powers of our mind, and to receive and rest upon Jesus, the only Saviour: and believing on Him, may we have life in His name.

Fit us, we beseech Thee, O God, for a proper discharge of all our duties. And while engaged in the acquisition of that knowledge by which we may make ourselves useful in this present state of being, grant to us that wisdom which cometh from above, necessary for our true happiness here, and essential to our eternal happiness hereafter. Enable us to restrain all evil thoughts and desires, to resist every temptation to sin, and to imitate the divine Saviour, so far as beings so frail as we can imitate one so holy; and for His sake pardon all our sins.

May Thy blessing, O God, rest upon our associates, our friends, and our relatives, granting to them the same blessings we now ask for ourselves. Be with them and with us while we live in this world, and when we have done with earth, receive us to abide with Thee forever

Now, unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless in the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. *T. A. Wylie.*

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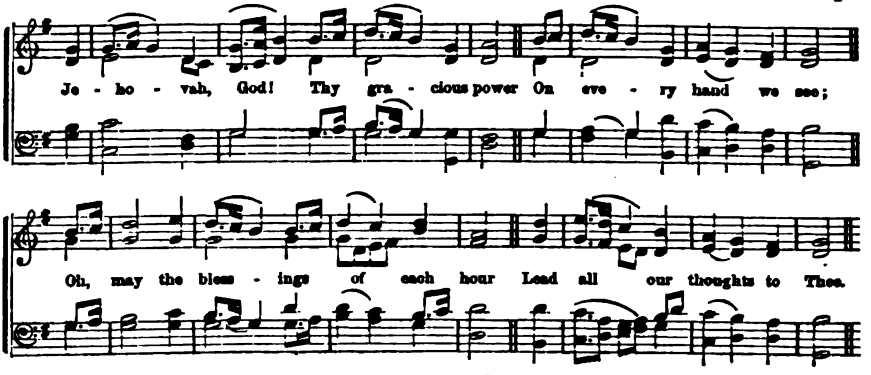

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JEHOVAH, God! Thy gracious power
On every hand we see;
Oh, may the blessings of each hour
Lead all our thoughts to Thee!

2 If, on the wings of morn, we speed
To earth's remotest bound,
Thy hand will there our footsteps lead,
Thy love our path surround.

3 Thy power is in the ocean deeps,
And reaches to the skies;
Thine eye of mercy never sleeps,
Thy goodness never dies.

4 From morn till noon—till latest eve,
Thy hand, O God, we see;
And all the blessings we receive,
Proceed alone from Thee.

Thomson.

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O LORD, Thou hast me search'd and known,
Thou know'st my sitting down,
And rising up; yea, all my thoughts
Afar to Thee are known.

2 My footsteps, and my lying down,
Thou dost behold always;
Thou, also, most entirely art
Acquaint with all my ways.

3 For in my tongue, before I speak,
Not any word can be,
But altogether, lo, O Lord,
It is well known to Thee.

4 Behind, before, Thou hast beset,
And laid on me Thine hand;
Such knowledge is too strange for me,
Too high to understand.

Scotch Version.

THE LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

2 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

3 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me, even the night shall be light about me.

4 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

5 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

6 He revealeth the deep and secret things; he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

7 Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down.

8 Then, hear thou, in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men.

9 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

10 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes behold, his eyelids try the children of men.

11 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes, but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

12 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

13 And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, speak: Thus, saith the LORD; thus have ye said, O house of Israel, for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.

14 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but all things are naked, and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

15 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

16 There is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

17 When thou fastest anoint thy head and wash thy face, that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Prayer.—Lesson CIII.

OH, THOU great Being who searchest all hearts, we this day *adore* Thee that all things are naked and open to Thine eyes. Thou beholdest all the evil and all the good. With Thee, actions are weighed, and Thou triest the spirits of men; Thou rewardest, and thou punishest, not merely according to our outward acts, but as we think and purpose in our hearts, so are we in Thy sight.

We *praise* Thee, therefore, that no sincere efforts to love, to obey, or to worship Thee, escape Thy notice or reward. The very tears with which, in secret, we lament our sins, are acceptably observed; the desires we form, and the efforts we make, however seemingly unsuccessful, are not overlooked by Thine eye, and Thou rewardest afterwards and openly, those who seek Thee, even sorrowing and fearful.

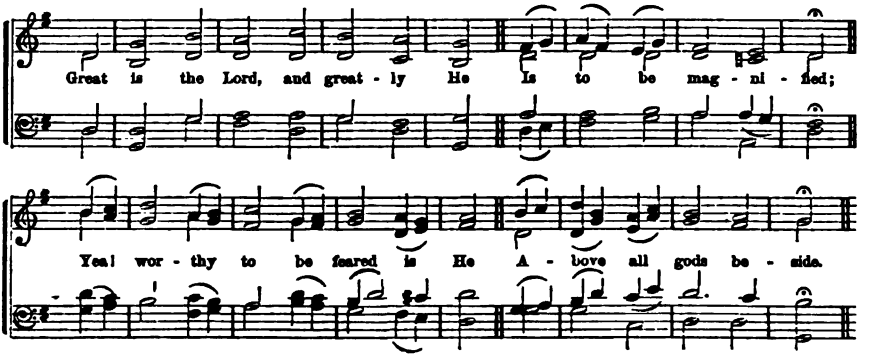
Humbly, O God, would we *confess* before Thy throne how often we have forgotten Thine Omniscient eye, and because our words and actions often deceive others, so do they even deceive ourselves, and we forget that they cannot deceive Thee. How often have we given way to temptation, and erred in thought and in imagination, even where not in word or deed, against Thy holy and eternal law!

Hear, Thou, now in Heaven, Thy dwelling-place, O, most merciful Father, this our *prayer*, and forgive and do to each one of us, Thy children, whose hearts Thou knowest to be sincere, and who call upon Thy name, as Thou seest that we need. Remove the depressing load of our sins. Forgive them and blot them out according to Thy promises to us in Christ Jesus. Enable us manifestly to forsake, to resist and overcome them. Make our conduct righteous in Thy sight daily, and keep us from temptation. Enable us to devise and do good to all around us; and may our outward deportment be the reflection of a true and honest heart. Yea, may we love ever to live as in Thy sight, so that our whole deportment may attain to the divine simplicity and sincerity enjoined by our Saviour. May the eye of each be single, and the body full of light.

Control our minds by Thy Holy Spirit, and give us habits of industry in study and in action, controlling our imaginations, since Thou seest every wandering thought and every sincere effort. Give us habits of daily self-government and restraint; respect for our superiors; love for all around; forgiveness for those who injure us, and gratitude to those who do us good.

Help us thus, great Father, confiding in Thy providence from day to day, to live in hopes of the clearer revelations of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

T. F. Curtis.



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GREAT is the Lord, and greatly He
Is to be magnified;
Yea, worthy to be feared is He,
Above all gods beside.

2 For all the gods are idols dumb,
Which blinded nations fear;
But our God is the Lord, by whom
The heav'ns created were.

3 Great honor is before His face,
And majesty divine;
Strength is within His holy place,
And there doth beauty shine.

4 Give ye the glory to the Lord
That to His name is due:
Come ye into His courts, and bring
An offering pure with you.

Scotch Version.

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LET us before God's presence come
With praise and thankful voice;
Let us sing psalms to Him with grace,
And make a joyful noise.

2 For God, a great God, and great King,
Above all gods he is;
Depths of the earth are in His hand,
The strength of hills is His.

3 O come, and let us worship Him,
Let us bow down withal;
And on our knees before the Lord,
Our Maker, let us fall.

4 For He's our God; the people we
Of his own pasture are,
And of His hand the sheep: to-day,
If ye His voice will hear.

Scotch Version.

THOU shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

2 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it they removed and stood afar off.

3 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

4 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not; for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces that ye sin not.

5 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

6 And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

7 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

9 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

10 Aaron said, Let not the anger of my LORD wax hot; for they said unto me, Make us gods which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

11 The children of Levi did according to the word of Moses, and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

12 And the LORD plagued the people because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

13 The Gentiles shall come, and say, Surely our fathers inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

14 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?

Prayer.—Lesson CIV.

O THOU, the only living and true God, implant Thy fear in our hearts! As Thou hast so clearly revealed Thyself to us, in Thy word and works, that we are without excuse when we do not love Thee with all the heart, grant us Thy Holy Spirit, to aid us; so that we may be kept from all departures from Thee.

We confess before Thee the corruption of our nature, by reason of which we are prone to worship and serve the creature more than the Creator. This corruption we plead before Thee as our misery, as well as our sin; and we entreat Thee to pity and deliver us from all its snares, and to forgive us all our trespasses.

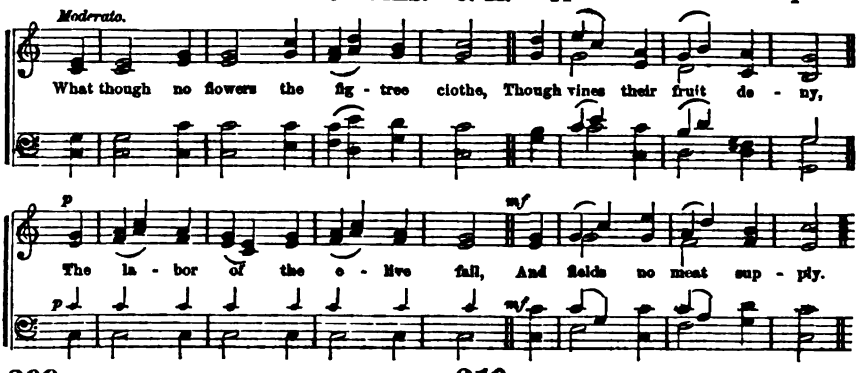
Shed abroad in our hearts Thy love by the Holy Ghost. Let our Lord Jesus Christ, the brightness of Thy glory and the express image of Thy person, fill our hearts with His presence and a sense of His love. Gather all our affections to Himself, and reign Lord over all our desires and purposes; so that all rivals to Thee, and all thine enemies, may be cast out!

Help us, O Lord, to see more of Thy glory and Thy beauty day by day. Raise our thoughts, and purify our souls from earthliness and sensuality, so that we may be able to receive the pure revelation of Thyself, which Thou hast given us. Keep us from imagining for ourselves a God with passions like our own. Save us from all low and degrading thoughts of Thee. Help us to hallow Thy name, and all that by which Thou hast made Thyself known.

We thank Thee, O merciful Father, that Thou hast cast our lot where heathen idolatry and its unspeakable abominations are not known. For all the pure and elevating influences of knowledge of Thee, and of Jesus Christ Thy Son, we praise Thy name. Keep us, O Lord, also, from the power of covetousness, and the seductions of pleasure, and the love of the world in all its forms; that we may not set up idols in our hearts. Draw us after Thyself, that we may not give our highest love to any object among the good things which Thou hast bestowed upon us; and especially that we may not love that which Thou hast forbidden.

May reverence for Thee and Thy authority be our law. Thus keep us near to Thyself, while we are in this world of danger and sorrow; and bring us at last to love and serve Thee perfectly in the peace and security of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Redeemer. Amen.

Joseph Warren.



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WHAT though no flowers the fig tree clothe,
Though vines their fruit deny,
The labor of the olive fail,
And fields no meat supply;—

2 Though from the fold, with sad surprise,
My flock cut off I see;
Though famine reign in empty stalls,
Where herds were wont to be;—

3 Yet in the Lord will I be glad,
And glory in His love;
In Him I'll joy, who will the God
Of my salvation prove.

4 God is the treasure of my soul,
The source of lasting joy—
A joy which want shall not impair,
Nor death itself destroy.

Burder's Col.

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O LORD! I would delight in Thee,
And on Thy care depend;
To Thee, in every trouble flee,
My best, my only Friend.

2 When all created streams are dry,
Thy fulness is the same;
May I with this be satisfied,
And glory in Thy name!

3 No good in creatures can be found,
But may be found in Thee;
I must have all things, and abound,
While God is God to me.

4 O Lord! I cast my care on Thee;
I triumph and adore;
Henceforth my great concern shall be
To love and please Thee more.

Ryland.

AND Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

2 Thou son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.

3 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings-out thereof, and the comings-in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof; and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

4 This is the law of the house: upon the top of the mountain, the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

5 Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

6 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

7 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

8 They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

9 Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

10 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.

11 Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well: for so I am.

12 Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

13 And showed to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

14 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

15 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: think on these things.

Prayer.—Lesson CV.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, to Thee we raise our prayers for help and strength to govern our hearts and our bodies in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of Thy commandments.

Teach us to observe all things which Thou hast commanded, and ever to continue in Thy love and fear. Especially do we pray Thee for Thy grace to help us in the duties of this day.

Be with and around each one of us, assisting us in all good works, and holding us back from evil. Thou knowest the weakness of our nature, and the temptations with which we are daily beset; and Thou alone art our refuge and our strength, our defence against the wiles of the adversary.

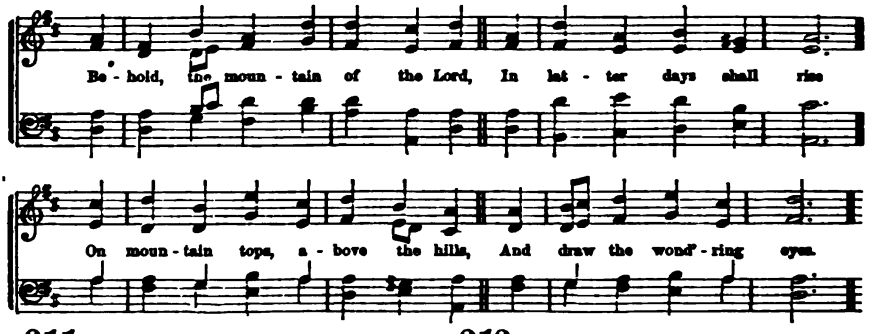
Hide Thy face, O God, from our past sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Vouchsafe to us, this day, the direction and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit. Help us to keep our tongues from evil, and our lips from speaking guile. Make us kindly affectioned toward each other, and ever ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities.

We thank Thee for the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. In His name we appear before Thee, for Thou hast promised to hear the prayers of Thy people. Fulfil now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be most expedient for us. May we be assisted in our duties, and so prospered in our endeavors, that we may grow in knowledge day by day.

Above all, let the influence of Thy Spirit so pervade our hearts and minds, that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thy truth. Help us always to live in such a state that we may never be afraid to die, so that, living and dying, we may be Thine, through the merits of Thy Son, who has taught us when we pray, to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Wm. A. Mowry.



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BEHOLD, the mountain of the Lord,
In latter days shall rise
On mountain tops, above the hills,
And draw the wond'ring eyes.

2 To this the joyful nations round,
All tribes and tongues shall flow!
"Up to the hill of God," they say,
"And to His house we'll go."

3 The beams that shine on Zion's hill
Shall lighten every land;
The King who reigns in Salem's towers
Shall all the world command.

4 No longer hosts encountering hosts,
Their millions slain deplore;
They hang the trumpet in the hall,
And study war no more.

5 Come, then—oh, come from every land,
To worship at His shrine;
And, walking in the light of God,
With holy beauties shine.

Logan.

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JESUS, immortal King! arise;
Rise and assert Thy sway;
Till earth, subdued, its tribute bring,
And distant lands obey.

2 Ride forth, victorious Conqueror! ride,
Till all Thy foes submit;
And all the powers of hell resign
Their trophies at Thy feet.

3 Send forth Thy word, and let it fly
This spacious earth around;
Till every soul beneath the sun
Shall hear the joyful sound.

4 O may the great Redeemer's name,
Through every clime be known;
And heathen gods forsaken fall,
And Jesus reign alone.

Burder.

DOXOLOGY.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

YE shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

2 He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall utterly be destroyed.

3 Make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

4 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works; but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

5 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God.

6 They called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

7 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor; and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

8 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside and serve other gods, and worship them.

9 And then the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit, and lest ye perish quickly.

10 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

11 I am the LORD; that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

12 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies.

13 Now, while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

14 And he said, As I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

15 Forasmuch as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art, or man's device

Prayer.—Lesson CVI.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we desire, on this morning of a new day, to come around Thy throne of grace, and to thank Thee for Thy watchful care over us in the past, and to ask Thee to continue to provide for all our wants in the future.

We pray Thee to guide us through this day upon which we have entered, keeping us from sin, from every thing that is offensive in Thy sight, or that will lead us away from Thee.

Keep us from the love of idols, from the inordinate love of riches, or honors, or the pleasures of sense; from all that would make our own desires superior to the will of God.

Teach us to make Thee, O God, the object of our supreme affection.

When we study the work of Thy hands, may we look upon it as simply the expression of the attributes of its great Creator. May we always be careful to look beyond nature, for God.

May we forget ourselves, even, as we look for the proper object of worship. O enlighten our minds; give us clear conceptions of Thy character, and of the obligations we are under to give to Thee our whole hearts. May we never forget that Thou didst create us; that our lives are in Thy hands; that we owe every thing we are and have to Thy bountiful hand, and that for every rational act of ours, we shall be called to give account.

We thank Thee, O God, for our reason, by which we are able to have some conceptions of our true relations to Thee, and by which we can regulate our belief and our conduct.

We thank Thee for the ability we have of exercising faith in all that we are called to believe that is above our reason; and may we be guided into the path of true wisdom, so that, when our probation is past, we may have the unspeakable joy of knowing that we have accomplished life's great work, and are ready for that unending life we shall live in the world above.

Bless, O God, our country and friends, and bless us and save us all finally in heaven; and unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

J. W. Dickinson.

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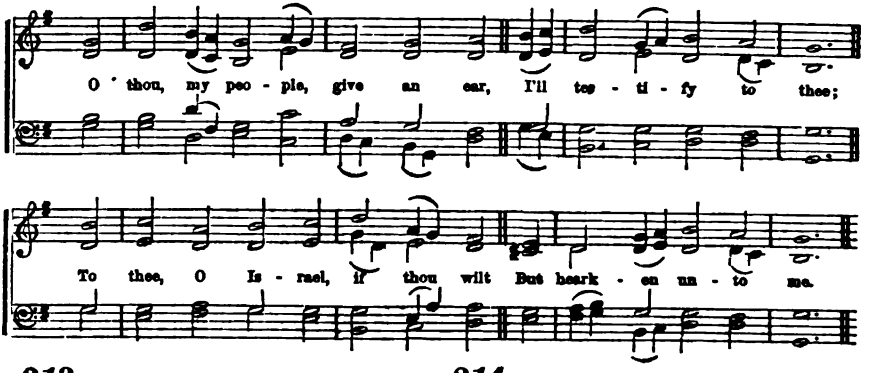

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O THOU, my people, give an ear,
I'll testify to thee;
To thee, O Isr'el, if thou wilt
But hearken unto me.

2 In midst of thee there shall not be
Any strange god at all;
Nor unto any god unknown
Thou bowing down shalt fall.

3 For who in heaven with the Lord
May once himself compare?
Who is like God among the sons
Of those that mighty are?

4 Great fear in meeting of the saints
Is due unto the Lord;
And He of all about Him should
With rev'rence be ador'd.

Scotch Version.

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THE Lord descended from above,
And bowed the heavens most high;
And underneath His feet He cast
The darkness of the sky.

2 On cherub and on cherubim,
Full royally He rode;
And on the wings of mighty winds
Came flying all abroad.

3 He sat serene upon the floods,
Their fury to restrain;
And He, as Sovereign, Lord, and King,
For evermore shall reign.

4 Give glory to His awful name,
And honor Him alone;
Give worship to His majesty,
Upon His holy throne.

Sternhold.

THE LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king, he will save us.

2 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

3 Thou shalt worship no other God; for the LORD, whose name is jealous, is a jealous God.

4 Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods; for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.

5 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul?

6 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

7 Behold, the heaven, and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's, thy God; the earth, also, and all that therein is.

8 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and LORD of lords; a great God, a mighty and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward.

9 O LORD, our LORD, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

10 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? Is not he thy Father that hath bought thee? Hath he not made thee and established thee?

11 I cried unto thee, O LORD; I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

12 Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

13 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King, above all gods.

14 O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

15 Great and marvellous are thy works, LORD God Almighty. Who shall not fear thee, O LORD, and glorify thy name; for thou only art holy.

16 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear me.

17 Unto the wicked, God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

18 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

19 I am the LORD; that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

20 Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that I spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified.

Prayer.—Lesson CVII.

O LORD, our God, who art high and holy, the only true and living One. we lift up our hearts unto Thee, for Thou alone art to be worshipped. To Thee, all praise and glory are due from all Thy creatures; and Thou hast shown us that our highest blessedness is found in knowing and loving Thee.

Thou art indeed very great, and holy, and good. Thou art infinite in all the perfections of Thy nature. All the gods of the heathen are idols; but Thou art over all, God blessed forever. We humble ourselves before Thee, in whom we live and move and have our being; the Framer of our bodies, the Father of our spirits, the Maker of all things that do exist.

How shall we, holy and righteous Father, appear before Thee with acceptance? Aid Thou us in our approach to Thy throne of grace, made accessible by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Help us to thank Thee that Thou hast so clearly made known to us Thy character and will.

Lead us to acknowledge that we have greatly and grievously sinned against Thee. We have followed our own unholy desires, and have forgotten Thy law. Thou hast seen us ready to worship the creature instead of the Creator. Do Thou fill our hearts with true sorrow for all our sins, and fill our mouths with sincere confessions.

We thank Thee that Thy holy law, given for our guide and to show us our guilt, is our school-master to bring us unto Christ. Enlighten our minds, and impress our hearts by Thy word and Spirit. Help us to trust in our only Saviour, with a true and living faith. For the sake of His merits, take away our iniquities, love us freely, and receive us graciously.

May our Lord Jesus ever be unto us the Way, the Truth, and the Life. May His grace purify our affections, elevate our desires, and quicken us in obedience. While growing in the duties and privileges of piety, may we know that her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

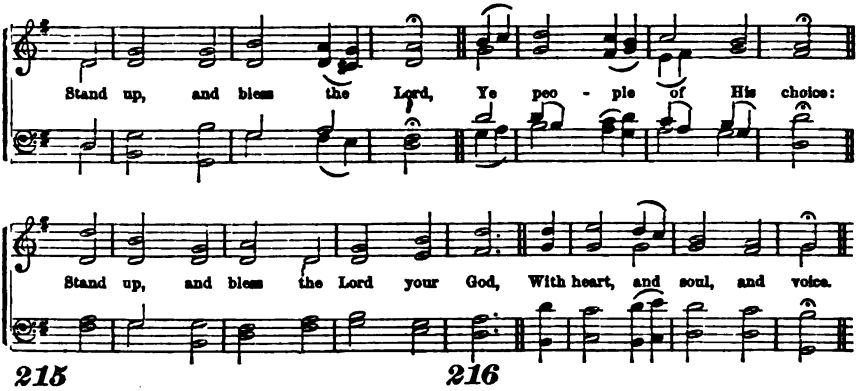
Be thou, O God, our joy and strength in early life, and through all our days. Make us humble, faithful, and zealous, in Thy service. Fill our minds with useful knowledge, and our hearts with heavenly grace. Help us always to show forth in our lives, the holy tempers of the Saviour; and to copy His example of love to all.

May we ever enjoy Thy favor, which is life, and Thy loving-kindness, which is better than life. Evermore guide us with Thy counsel, and afterward receive us to glory, that we may render unto Thee perfect and eternal praises, through Christ our Redeemer.

We pray, O God, that Thy name may be known and feared by all men. May those who love their sins, or the world, or their idols, speedily turn to Thee. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

And now, unto the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one God, be all praise, might, worship, dominion, and glory, world without end. Amen.

Matthias Sheeleigh.



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STAND up, and bless the Lord,
Ye people of His choice;
Stand up, and bless the Lord your God
With heart, and soul, and voice.

2 Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear His holy name,
And laud and magnify?

3 God is our strength and song,
And His salvation ours;
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.

4 Stand up and bless the Lord,
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless His glorious name
Henceforth for evermore.

Montgomery.

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SPEAK with us, Lord; Thyself reveal,
While here on earth we rove;
Speak to our hearts, and let us feel
The kindlings of Thy love.

2 With Thee conversing, we forget
All toil, and time, and care;
Labor is rest, and pain is sweet,
If Thou art present there.

3 Here then, my God, be pleased to stay,
And bid my heart rejoice:
My bounding heart shall own Thy sway,
And echo to Thy voice.

4 Thou callest me to seek Thy face;
Thy face, O God, I seek;
Attend the whispers of Thy grace,
And hear Thee inly speak.

C. Wesley.

THOU shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

2 The son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and this son of the Israelitish woman, and a man of Israel strove together in the camp.

3 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed; and they brought him unto Moses;

4 And they put him in ward, that the mind of the LORD might be showed them.

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying:

6 Bring forth him that hath cursed, without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head; and let all the congregation stone him.

7 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God, shall bear his sin.

8 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.

9 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven.

10 He that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost, hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.

11 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

12 Jesus said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

13 For from within, out of the heart of man, proceed evil thoughts, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile the man.

14 Upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

15 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a God, and not of a man.

16 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory, and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

17 Through breaking the law dishonorest thou God? for the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you.

18 But now, ye also, put off all these, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Prayer.—Lesson CVIII.

O THOU, whose name is exalted above all blessing and praise, we adore the grace which invites to commune with Thee, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Thou art God, and beside Thee there is no other. Who is like unto Thee, O Lord? Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, forgiving iniquity, and saving all those that put their trust in Thee. From Thee is nothing hid: but all things are naked and open in Thy sight, and there is not a word in our thoughts but Thou, Lord, knowest it altogether.

The foolish blasphemo Thy name, and gather to themselves Thy wrath. They reject Thy commandments to their hurt; and rush on ruin, in the blindness of their minds.

O preserve us from uttering Thy name thoughtlessly, and destroying our souls by that which goeth out of our lips. May we be temples, dedicated to Thy service, and all our words and deeds be governed by Thy fear.

O forgive us the sins which separate us from Thee, and bring pollution and disaster upon us. Help us to discover and turn from temptation, whether from the world, the flesh, or the devil; and to attain that holiness, without which no man can see Thee.

We render Thee thanks, O Lord! for all Thy great goodness toward us, suffering us to live, withholding from us the retributions we deserve, and multiplying upon us undeserved favors. We adore Thee for our national, domestic and personal blessings, and pray that they allure us not to earth, but to Thee.

Arrest, O Lord! the floods of iniquity which overspread our land, and let not our transgressions multiply till they demand our overthrow. Let not the profane rule over us. Let our country be a land of Bibles and Sabbaths, of schools and churches.

Write holiness on our national banner, and peace on the doors of our dwellings. Let our youth grow up in Thy fear, and the aged be honored among us. Let oppression, intemperance, fraud, and violence, cease from our midst.

Abolish war from the face of the earth, and cast every idol to the moles and the bats. Let Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done upon earth as it is done in heaven; and to Thy name be glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving, world without end. Amen.

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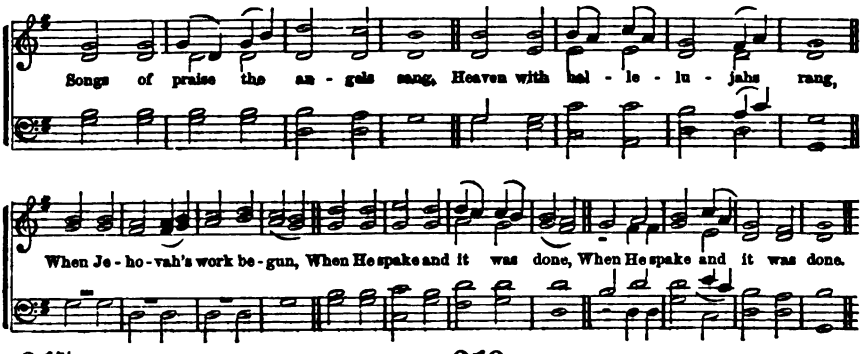

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SONGS of praise the angels sang,
Heaven with hallelujahs rang,
When Jehovah's work begun,
When He spake, and it was done.

2 Songs of praise awoke the morn,
When the Prince of peace was born:
Songs of praise arose, when He
Captive led captivity.

3 Heaven and earth must pass away,
Songs of praise shall crown that day;
God will make new heavens, new earth,
Songs of praise shall hail their birth.

4 And can man alone be dumb,
Till that glorious kingdom come?
No;—the Church delights to raise
Psalms, and hymns, and songs of praise.

Montgomery.

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PRAISE Him, all ye Hosts above,
Spirits perfected in love;
Sun and Moon! your voices raise,
Sing, ye Stars! your Maker's praise.

2 Earth! from all thy depths below,
Ocean's hallelujahs flow,
Lightning, Vapour, Wind and Storm,
Hail and Snow! His will perform.

3 Vales and Mountains! burst in song;
Rivers! roll His praise along;
Joyful sounds from Herds and Flocks,
Echo back, ye Caves and Rocks!

4 High above all height His throne,
Excellent His name alone;
Him let all His works confess,
Him let every being bless.

Montgomery.

WHEREWITH shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God?

2 Blessed be his glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen.

3 Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

4 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Who can show forth all his praise?

5 In that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

6 O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things: thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

7 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

8 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty: just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

9 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee: for thy judgments are made manifest.

10 The four living creatures had each six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not, day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

11 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools.

12 From the rising of the sun, even to the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles: and in every place incense shall be offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

13 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

14 Ye said, also, Behold what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts.

15 But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

16 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed.

17 Holy and reverend is his name.

18 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Prayer.—Lesson CIX.

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. We adore Thee as Jehovah, the self-existent and Eternal, I AM that I AM. We proclaim Thee the one only living and true God, glorious in holiness. We bless Thee as the Lord Almighty, the proprietor and governor of all.

We thank Thee that we are not left in our ignorance to worship the unknown God, but, that Thou hast revealed Thyself to us by Thy names. Help us that we may never take the name of the Lord our God in vain, but always address Thee with the reverence due to our Almighty King, and with the love due to our heavenly Father.

We praise Thee for the revelation Thou hast made of Thy glorious attributes as they are declared in Thy Holy Word, and confirmed in all Thine acts of Providence. Help us reverently to contemplate Thy perfections, and to bow in the dust as we are thus made to feel our littleness and unworthiness. Thou art Holy—we are utterly sinful; Thou art eternal—we are creatures of yesterday, and our life as a hand-breadth; Thou art all-wise, omniscient and omnipotent,—we are foolish, ignorant and weak. Help us to adore Thee for what Thou art, and to bless Thee for what Thou hast done for us.

We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word. Make us wise in the knowledge of its truth, and rich and happy as partakers of the blessings of its gracious promises, both for the life that now is, and for that which is to come. While we are here engaged in the pursuit of knowledge,—in the investigation of science, in preparation for usefulness in this life, teach us out of Thy Word that we may be wise unto salvation, and be made partakers of eternal life.

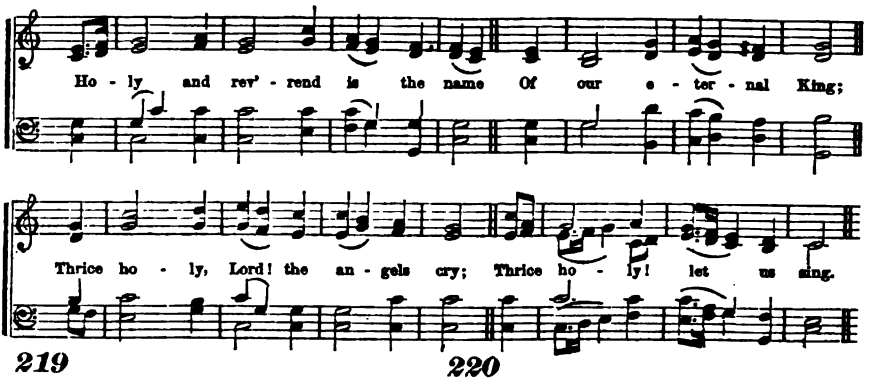
We confess our manifold and aggravated sins; we are justly condemned by Thy righteous law. Pardon us and grant us favor in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour. We thank Thee for Him,—for His atonement on our behalf. May we all believe in Him to the saving of our souls, and He be formed in us the hope of glory.

We offer ourselves to be Thy servants,—accept of our services, and employ us for Thy glory, and for the advancement of Thy kingdom.

Bless, we entreat Thee, all institutions of learning. Let wisdom and fidelity be abundantly given to all who teach; and to the pupils, diligence and earnestness, and a just sense of the value of their privileges; and may the youth of the land be trained up in wisdom's ways, and all who are in the morning of life, call out to Thee continually, "My Father, Thou art the guide of my youth."

Bless our friends; forgive our enemies; keep us near the mercy-seat, and lead us in the way everlasting. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, for whom we bless Thee, and to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be praise evermore. Amen.

A. T. Chester.



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HOLY and reverend is the name
Of our eternal King.
Thrice holy, Lord! the angels cry;
Thrice holy! let us sing.

2 Holy is He in all His ways,
And truth is His delight;
But sinners and their wicked ways
Shall perish from His sight.

3 The deepest reverence of the mind,
Pay, O my soul, to God;
Lift with thy hands, a holy heart
To His sublime abode.

4 With sacred awe pronounce His name,
Abhor the lips profane:
Let not thy tongue the Lord blaspheme,
Nor take His name in vain.

Needham.

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THE Lord our God is clothed with might,
The winds obey His will:
He speaks, and in the heavenly height
The rolling sun stands still.

2 Rebel, ye waves, and o'er the land
With threatening aspect roar;
The Lord uplifts His awful hand,
And chains you to the shore.

3 Ye winds of night, your force combine;
Without His high behest,
Ye shall not, in the mountain pine,
Disturb the sparrow's nest.

4 Ye nations, bend; in reverence bend;
Ye monarchs, wait His nod,
And bid the choral song ascend
To celebrate our God.

H. K. White.

THOU shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

2 Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the LORD which hallow you.

3 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

4 They speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

5 Because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil.

6 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

7 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing.

8 Whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

9 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths.

10 But I say unto you, Swear not at all: neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

11 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

12 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair, white or black.

13 But let your communication be, Yea, yea, Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

14 Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence, make long prayers; therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

15 His mouth is full of cursing, and deceit and fraud; under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

16 Above all things, my brethren, swear not; neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay: lest ye fall into condemnation.

17 The LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Prayer.—Lesson CX.

WE ADORE Thee, O Lord our God, as the Creator and Ruler of all things in Heaven and earth; the Infinite Being in whom abideth all power, and wisdom, and majesty. We approach Thy throne with deep reverence and humility.

We would not take upon thoughtless tongues that name which is above every name, nor rush into Thy presence without solemn preparation of heart.

We confess, O Lord, that we are unworthy of Thy favor; for we have sinned against Thee. We have neglected our duties; we have transgressed Thy laws; we have not rendered Thee the service and worship which are Thy due; we have sought our own interest and pleasure rather than Thy glory; and we fear that in our hearts, if not with our lips, we have dishonored Thee, and profaned Thy name.

O Lord, forgive us; and for the sake of Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, do Thou remove our transgressions far from us, and enable us with penitence and faith to receive Christ into our hearts, that we may be transformed into His image, and follow Him as the Way, the Truth, and the Life to our souls.

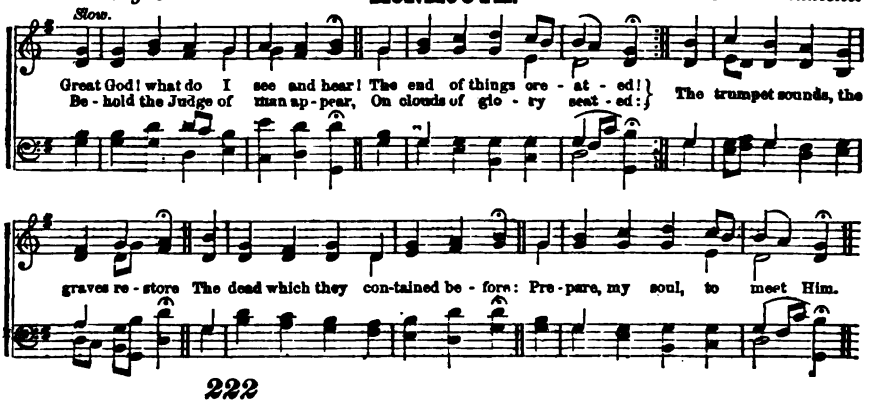
We thank Thee that thou hast given us line upon line, precept upon precept, as well to teach us what we ought to avoid, as what we ought to do. We thank Thee that Thou hast given us laws adapted to our condition and wants, and hast made our duty plain by positive commands and prohibitions. We thank Thee that Thou hast given us minds to perceive and comprehend the true, and consciences to discern the right, and hearts, under the guidance of Thy Spirit, to love and pursue the good.

May neither passion, nor evil examples, nor unholy influences of any kind, darken our minds, nor corrupt our hearts. May we keep a conscience void of offence towards God and men, and may we obey Thy commandments amidst all excitements and temptations.

We implore Thy blessing upon the youth here assembled for Thy worship. May they cheerfully conform to Thy will, and devoutly reverence Thy name. While they are striving to gain useful knowledge, may they not forget that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding. May no act of rebellion against Thy authority deform their lives; may no profane nor blasphemous word proceed out of their mouth; nor any irreverent thought degrade their moral nature and dishonor God. In all things may they set a watch over their words, that they sin not with their tongues. May they remember that while Thou wilt hear with favor the prayer of the humble and contrite, Thou wilt not hold him guiltless that taketh Thy name in vain.

We beseech Thee to hear and answer us, and save us through Thy mercy in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Wm. H. Allen.



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GREAT God! what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
Behold the Judge of man appear,
On clouds of glory seated:
The trumpet sounds; the graves restore
The dead which they contained before:
Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.

2 The dead in Christ shall first arise,
At the last trumpet's sounding,
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
With joy their Lord surrounding:
No gloomy fears their souls dismay,
His presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet Him.

3 But sinners, filled with guilty fears,
Behold His wrath prevailing;
For they shall rise, and find their tears
And sighs are unavailing:
The day of grace is past and gone;
Trembling they stand before the throne,
All unprepared to meet Him.

Martin Luther.

IF thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law, that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD,

2 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance, until thou be destroyed.

3 The LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

4 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall entreat for him?

5 I turned and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.

6 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

7 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth; for every one that stealeth, shall be cut off, as on this side, according to it; and every one that sweareth, shall be cut off as on that side, according to it.

8 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house and shall consume it.

9 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land: because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

10 By swearing, and lying, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn.

11 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

12 We are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

13 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

14 Who will render to every man, according to his deeds:

15 Tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man that doeth evil; of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile. For there is no respect of persons with God.

Prayer.—Lesson CXI.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our Heavenly Father, we cast ourselves at Thy feet, with deep humiliation and penitent grief, in view of the manifold transgressions by which we have dishonored Thy infinite majesty. Have mercy on us, we beseech Thee, and pour forth into our hearts Thy grace, that we may sincerely repent of all our sins against Thy most holy name.

We have sinned against Thee, O Lord, our God, not only in thought and in deed, but, also, most grievously, in word. For, Thy blessed Apostle James assures us: "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able to bridle the whole body."

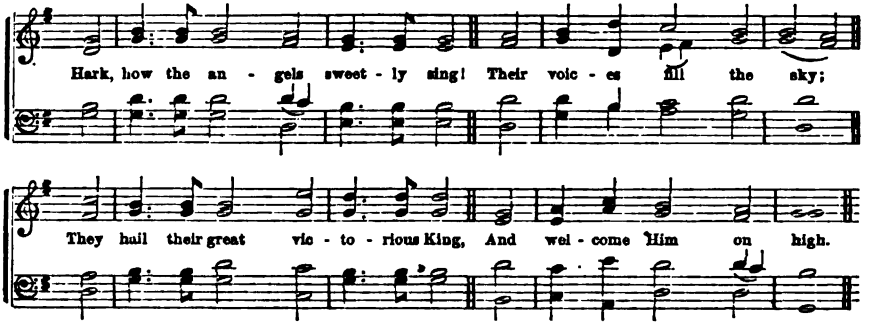
O, Holy Spirit, Eternal Love of the Father and of the Son, vouchsafe to grant unto us, we pray Thee, the fruit of truth, that we may not become children of the father of lies; the fruit of judgment and sobriety, that, eschewing all filthiness, foolish talking and jesting, our conversation on earth may come up before Thee a sweet-smelling savor; the fruit of charity, that, out of anger, malice, hatred or envy, we may never defame our neighbor by exposing his hidden faults; the fruit of piety, that we may never become stumbling-blocks to others; the fruit of quietness, that we may not incur the curse of whisperers, of tattlers, and of the double-tongued; and the fruit of reverence, that we may avoid the grievous sins of cursing, swearing, and blaspheming.

O, Sovereign Majesty of Heaven, inspire us with an abhorrence of the scandalous vices by which Thy name is taken in vain, and possess our souls with that awful respect which is due to Thee alone. Give us grace to be watchful over our words, to avoid rash judgments and malicious reflections, and to employ our tongues on earth, as we hope to employ them in heaven.

Look down with an eye of pity and compassion, O Divine Jesus, on those unhappy swearers, cursers and blasphemers, who, opening their sacrilegious mouths, vent imprecations against the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; on those unfortunate ones who deliberately and voluntarily swear to what they know to be false; on all who, without an urgent necessity and reasonable cause, perpetrate a rash oath; and on such as swear to do unlawful acts. Dispel their darkness by Thy heavenly light, and restore them to the paths of truth and justice, that, cleansed by Thy precious blood, they may worthily magnify Thy great name.

Shed down the healthful influences of Thy grace, O Almighty and Eternal God, on all Christian rulers and states, and endue all in authority with wisdom and holy fear, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty. Inspire the judges of our courts, the advocates who practise therein, the witnesses who testify, and the jurymen who sit in judgment, with proper awe for the sanctity of Thy name and word, to the end that, in the administration of oaths, the prevailing levity of spirit and disrespect for holy things may be made to pass away for ever, and Thy honor be duly regarded throughout the land. Fill the souls of all Thy creatures with a wholesome dread of the terrible day of judgment, in the which Thou wilt demand of them a strict account of every idle word and wicked deed, and teach them so to number their days that they may apply themselves unto wisdom. And when we shall be called upon to grapple with "the last enemy," Death, may Christ, who was crucified for us, defend us against the attacks of "our adversary, the devil," place us within the ever-verdant gardens of His paradise, and cause us to enjoy the sweetness of divine contemplation forever. Amen.

John S. Ermentrout.



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HARK, how the angels sweetly sing!
Their voices fill the sky:
They hail their great victorious King,
And welcome Him on high.

2 We'll catch the note of lofty praise;
May we their rapture feel;
Our thankful songs with theirs we'll raise,
And emulate their zeal.

3 Come then, ye saints! and grateful sing
Of Christ, our risen Lord—
Of Christ, the everlasting King—
Of Christ, th' incarnate word.

4 Hail, mighty Saviour! Thee we hail!
High on Thy throne above;
Till heart and flesh together fail,
We'll sing Thy matchless love.

Kelly.

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THIS is the day the Lord hath made;
He calls the hours His own:
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the throne.

2 To-day He rose, and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
To-day the saints His triumph spread,
And all His wonders tell.

3 Hosanna to th' anointed King,
To David's holy Son:
Help us, O Lord! descend and bring
Salvation from Thy throne.

4 Blest be the Lord who comes to men
With messages of grace;
Who comes in God His Father's name,
To save our sinful race.

Watts.

REMEMBER the sabbath-day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

2 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.

3 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work.

4 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

5 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord.

6 I am the Lord your God. Hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.

7 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily, my sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between me and you, throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord, that doth sanctify you.

8 Ye shall keep the sabbath, therefore: for it is holy unto you. Every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

9 Six days may work be done: but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord; whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

10 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath, throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

11 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

12 And Jesus said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.

13 This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

14 So the people rested on the seventh day.

15 The Lord hath said, To-morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord; bake that which ye will bake, to-day; and seethe that ye will seethe.

Prayer.—Lesson CXII.

O THOU infinite Jehovah, who hast made us and placed us in this world, that we may glorify Thee, and who hast crowned our lives with innumerable blessings, we praise Thee for all the helps Thou hast given to enable us to secure the object of our being. We especially praise Thee that, assailed as we are by temptations, and drawn away from communion with Thee, as we too often are, by worldly cares and amusements, Thou hast provided for us one day in seven, that we may consecrate it wholly to Thee. We esteem it a rich blessing. May we ever remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. May we prize it as a precious gift of God. May it be to us a season of refreshing communion with Thee. Whenever its hallowed light returns, may we be enabled to call in our wandering thoughts, and roving affections, and fix them supremely upon Thee. May Thy Holy Spirit ever manifest His presence in our hearts. May He open our eyes that we may see more and more of Thy infinite holiness, and of Thy condescending love to us.

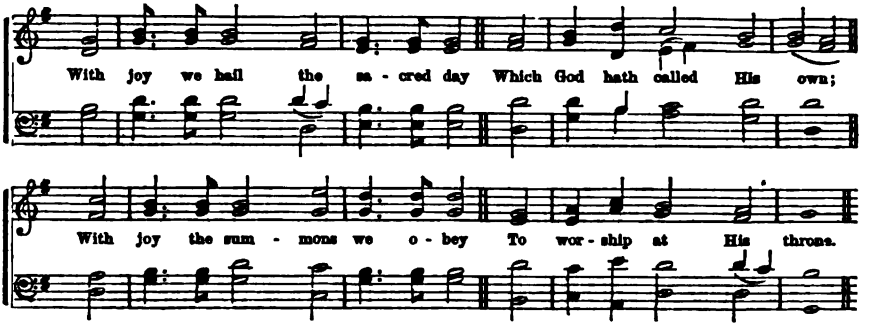
May He remind us of the great sacrifice offered for our sins, and lead us humble and contrite to the Lamb of God, who gave himself a ransom for us, who bowed His soul unto death, and rose from the grave on the Sabbath morn for our justification. To that gracious Redeemer may we intrust our immortal spirits, and rejoice in His salvation.

Bless to our highest good all the privileges of the day. May we reverence Thy Sanctuary, feed upon Thy Holy Word, repose a simple faith in Thy promises, and be constant in all the duties of the day. Give to us a spirit of prayer. May we bring all our need to Thy mercy-seat, and may we find a gracious acceptance there. O, let us feel Thy presence constantly with us, and Thy love reigning in our hearts.

Thus, may all our Sabbaths on earth be devoted to God. Thus, in hallowing Thy day, may we be fitted for the duties and trials of life, and be assisted on our way to that eternal rest which Thou hast prepared for all that love Thee.

We ask all these blessings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

William Strong.



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WITH joy we hail the sacred day
Which God hath called His own;
With joy the summons we obey
To worship at His throne.

2 Thy chosen temple, Lord, how fair!
Where willing votaries throng
To breathe the humble, fervent prayer,
And pour the choral song.

3 Spirit of grace! Oh, deign to dwell
Within Thy church below;
Make her in holiness excel,
With pure devotion glow.

4 Great God, we hail the sacred day
Which Thou hast called Thine own:
With joy the summons we obey
To worship at Thy throne.

Lyte.

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O THOU, my soul, do thou return
Unto thy quiet rest;
For largely, lo, the Lord to thee
His bounty hath expressed.

2 I'll of salvation take the cup,
On God's name will I call:
I'll pay my vows now to the Lord
Before His people all.

3 Thank off'rings I to Thee will give,
And on God's name will call.
I'll pay my vows now to the Lord
Before His people all.

4 Within the courts of God's own house,
Within the midst of thee,
O city of Jerusalem.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

Scotch Version.

REMEMBER the sabbath day to keep it holy.

2 And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, To-morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD:

3 See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days: abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day.

4 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thy ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger may be refreshed.

5 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest; in earing time, and in harvest, thou shalt rest.

6 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

7 If the people of the land bring ware, or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, we would not buy it of them on the sabbath.

8 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honorable: and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

9 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

10 Thus saith the LORD, Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem.

11 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses, on the sabbath day; neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

12 Jesus came to Nazareth where he had been brought up; and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

13 They went into the synagogue on the sabbath day; and when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

14 On the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made.

15 Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them; and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures.

16 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath.

Prayer.—Lesson CXIII.

O LORD, our Maker, Preserver, and Redeemer, we thank Thee for appointing one day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath day. We thank Thee that Thou hast given it to us as a day of rest from worldly labor and care; that its return reminds us of the finished glories of creation-work, and of the greater goodness and glory of God, displayed in our redemption by Jesus Christ, Thy Son, and our blessed Saviour.

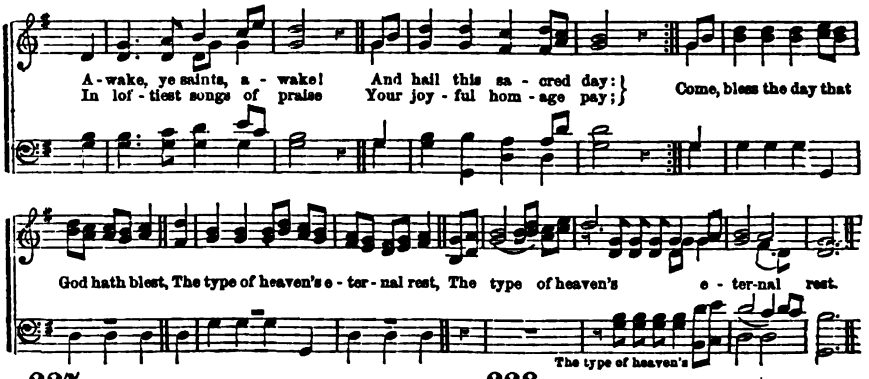
We are prone to forget Thee, to forget our obligations to love and serve Thee, and to forget all Thy goodness to us; and we need the holy Sabbath, to remind us of these things. Above all, we are prone to neglect and forget the salvation of our souls, and to live as if we had no God to serve, no soul to save, no hell to shun, and no heaven to gain. And we need the frequent and solemn admonitions of Thy holy day to keep us in remembrance of these things, and that we may have a favorable opportunity to prepare for death, for judgment, and for a life of everlasting glory and blessedness in heaven. We need the Sabbath, also, O Lord, as a type of the heavenly rest; and we need it, that by Thy blessing on its holy worship, we may be strengthened for the trials and duties of life, enabled to act well our part on earth, and be made meet for the inheritance of the saints in light.

Give us, then, O Father, grace to be grateful for the holy Sabbath, and grace to sanctify it aright. Through Thy grace, may our hearts be so changed, that we shall love Thy day, and keep it holy. May we sanctify it by a holy resting, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days, and by spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be employed in works of necessity and mercy. Ever incline us to turn away our feet from the Sabbath, from doing our pleasure on Thy holy day; and to call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and to honor Thee, not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words.

We lament, before Thee, O our God, the general prevalence of Sabbath-breaking in our country, and the many and great evils which result from it. O may Thy grace incline all the people to hallow Thy Sabbaths, and reverence Thy sanctuary, that they may be blessed in this world, and saved in the world to come.

These things, and all blessings, we ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

William Davidson.



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AWAKE, ye saints, awake!
And hail this sacred day:
In loftiest songs of praise
Your joyful homage pay:
Come, bless the day that God hath blest,
The type of heaven's eternal rest.

2 On this auspicious morn
The Lord of life arose;
He burst the bars of death,
And vanquished all our foes;
And now He pleads our cause above,
And reaps the fruit of all His love.

3 All hail! triumphant Lord!
Heaven with hosannas rings,
And earth, in humbler strains,
Thy praise responsive sings:
Worthy the Lamb, that once was slain,
Through endless years to live and reign.

Cotterill.

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GOD, the Creator, blessed
The Sabbath of His rest;
His six days' work had brought
The universe from naught:
The heavens and earth before Him stood,
He saw them and pronounced them good.

2 God, the Redeemer, blessed
The Sabbath of His rest,
When, all His suffering done,
The cross's victory won,
In Joseph's sepulchre He lay,
Then rising, made a holier day.

3 And God, the Spirit, blessed
That Christian day of rest,
When met with one accord,
The servants of the Lord:
To whom the Father's promise came,
Like rushing wind and living flame.

Montgomery.

THE heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day, God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.

4 He spake in a certain place, of the seventh day, on this wise: And God did rest the seventh day, from all his works.

5 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested.

6 And Moses said, Eat that to-day; for to-day is a sabbath unto the LORD; to-day ye shall not find it in the field.

7 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

8 And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people, on the seventh day, to gather, and they found none.

9 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest.

10 Then the same day (the day of Christ's resurrection) at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut, where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

11 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

12 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow.

13 When these days are expired, it shall be that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your peace-offerings; and I will accept you, saith the LORD God.

14 Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.

15 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.

16 And Jesus said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

17 This is the day which the LORD hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive; thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

Prayer.—Lesson CXIV.

O THOU ever blessed God! We thank Thee for the wonderful gifts of Thy providence and grace. We bless Thee for the Sabbath—for rest for our wearied bodies and souls—and for communion with Thyself through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Look upon us in great mercy, we beseech Thee, for His sake, and grant us Thy Salvation.

Teach us to remember the Sabbath-day, and keep it holy. As Thou hast put this great seal upon Thy power and glory, enable us to think upon these things, and live to the glory of Thy grace in Jesus Christ. We thank Thee for His holy life, His dying voice, His resurrection power. We thank Thee for the day that seals the glory of the new creation, in Jesus Christ. O send upon us the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire. Purify our lives from dead works, and grant that we may be in the Spirit, on this day of the Lord.

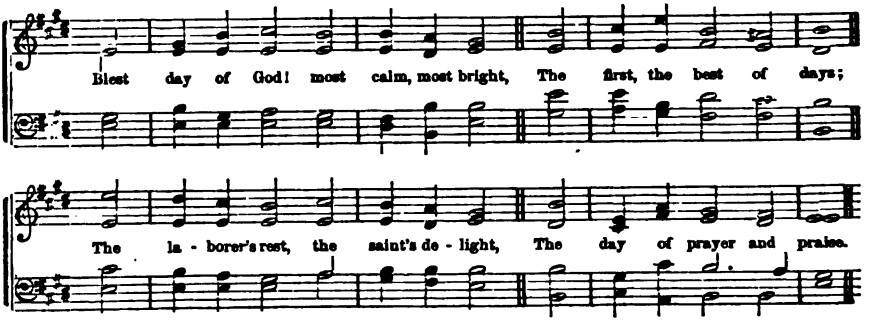
Help us, on Thy holy day, to put far from us all vain thoughts—all worldly words and works. Put honor upon Thy Word, and may our minds be enlightened in the knowledge of Christ. Bless to our souls the preaching of the gospel of Christ.

May we hear with reverence, diligence, attention and faith. Enable Thy ministering servants to lift up their voice, and show the people their transgressions. Have mercy on those who despise Thy Word and trample on Thy Sabbaths.

O God, bless our common country. May this long be a land of Sabbaths—of holy ordinances—of liberty and of salvation. Bless our legislators, and our magistrates, and may all the people fear God and keep His Commandments. Pity, O God, the rich, the proud, the poor, who despise their birthright and become the bond slaves of Satan. Open their eyes before it shall be forever too late, and bring them to the obedience of the Gospel of Christ. Carry on Thy work of redeeming love, O Lord, until this world shall be converted to Thee, and all men shall rejoice in the fulness and glory of Thy salvation in a Sabbath that shall never end.

Hear us in these our prayers, and save us, O Lord; and to Thy nam be the praise for ever. Amen.

Robert D. Morris.



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BLEST day of God! most calm, most bright,
The first, the best of days;
The laborer's rest, the saint's delight,
The day of prayer and praise.

2 My Saviour's face made thee to shine;
His rising, thee did raise,
And made thee heavenly and divine
Beyond all other days.

3 The first-fruits oft a blessing prove
To all the sheaves behind:
And they the day of Christ who love,
A happy week shall find.

4 This day I must with God appear;
For, Lord, the day is Thine;
Help me to spend it in Thy fear,
And thus to make it mine.

Unknown.

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AGAIN the Lord of life and light
Awakes the kindling ray,
Dispels the darkness of the night,
And pours increasing day.

2 And now His conquering chariot wheels
Ascend the lofty skies;
Broken beneath His powerful cross,
Death's iron sceptre lies.

3 This day be grateful homage paid,
And loud hosannas sung;
Let gladness dwell in every heart,
And praise on every tongue.

4 Ten thousand thousand voices join
To hail this happy morn,
Which scatters blessings from its wings
On nations yet unborn.

Mrs. Barbauld.

AND I commanded the Levites, that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come, and keep the gates to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this.

2 And it shall come to pass that from one new moon to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

3 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

4 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant:

5 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted on mine altar.

6 Six days shall work be done; but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, a holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein; it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

7 Now when the even was come, it was the preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath.

8 The LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? Abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

9 Have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath and are blameless?

10 The gate of the inner court shall be opened on the sabbath, and the prince shall enter,—and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering, and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate.

11 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths.

12 And behold there was a man that had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days?

13 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

14 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

15 Before the sabbath I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath day.

Prayer.—Lesson CXV.

OUR FATHER, whose dwelling-place is the highest heaven, and whose presence is every where, we humbly ask the revelation of Thyself in blessing to this assembly of Thy children. Young hearts and inexperienced minds are here for the receipt of instruction; and their elders are here with them for the purpose of communicating the intelligence they need and desire. Each, in the position in which by Thy merciful providence they are placed, would share in the personal exhibition of Thyself, and in the gift of Thy favor.

Enlighten the mind, and dispose the heart of the instructor for the communication, and those of the learner for the acceptance of the needed and desired instruction. Impress each with a proper sense of the responsibilities and duties pertaining to the respective positions they occupy, and under Thy notice and approval may the objects contemplated by this institution be accomplished.

Our grateful acknowledgments are due, and they are now offered unto Thee for all the good gifts that we have received at Thy hand, especially for the gift of Thyself, in Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the means of grace and hopes of everlasting life, that Thou hast provided for us in Him. May we ever be disposed to imitate His bright example of love and obedience, and to follow in the footsteps of His most holy and blessed life.

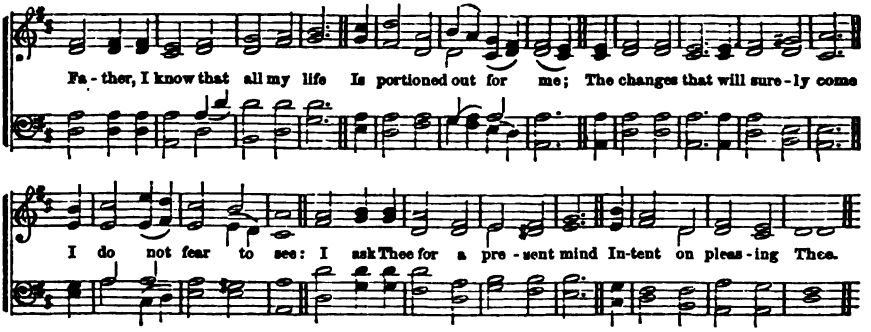
We acknowledge the duty of dedicating the services of our lives daily to Thee, and of asking the direction and aid of Thy Holy Spirit in avoiding every way of evil, and in the pursuit of the holy life of faith in Jesus Christ. On the Sabbath, in particular, are we commanded to sanctify ourselves by prayer, and holy thoughts, and devout studies, for the worship which Thou hast commanded us to offer Thee.

The day on which Thou didst rest from Thy labors of the creation, and which our Lord Jesus Christ has sanctified by His resurrection from the dead, we would hallow in especial services, and pray that through them we may receive such heavenly counsels and holy impressions as may impel us forward in the path of obedience to Thy blessed will.

As we advance in years, may we increase in grace, making such progress, each day, as shall assure us that we are a day nearer to the haven of rest which Thy faithful children shall reach when their journey over this world shall have been passed.

Hear us, our Father, in these our imperfect, but earnest and sincere petitions. Answer us, as in Thy divine wisdom Thou shalt discern to be most needful and befitting for us, and, finally, by Thy mercy save us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

J. N. McJilton.



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FATHER, I know that all my life
Is portioned out for me;
The changes that will surely come
I do not fear to see:
I ask Thee for a present mind
Intent on pleasing Thee.

2 I ask Thee for a thoughtful love,
Through constant watching wise,
To meet the glad with joyful smiles,
And wipe the weeping eyes:
A heart at leisure from itself,
To soothe and sympathize.

3 I would not have the restless will
That hurries to and fro,
That seeks for some great thing to do,
Or secret thing to know:
I would be treated as a child,
And guided where I go.

4 Wherever in the world I am,
In whatsoe'er estate,
I have a fellowship with hearts,
To keep and cultivate;
A work of lowly love to do
For Him on whom I wait.

5 I ask Thee for the daily strength,
To none that ask denied,
A mind to blend with outward life,
While keeping at Thy side:
Content to fill a little space,
If Thou be glorified.

6 And if some things I do not ask,
Among my blessings be,
I'd have my spirit filled the more
With grateful love to Thee:
More careful—not to serve Thee much,
But please Thee perfectly.

Anna L. Waring.

SIX days shalt thou labor and do all thy work.

2 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of rest unto the LORD.

3 Six days shalt thou work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest.

4 Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise.

5 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

6 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

7 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

8 The sluggard will not plough by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

9 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

10 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

11 The desire of the slothful, killeth him; for his hands refuse to labor.

12 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings.

13 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding.

14 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

15 Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

16 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister, Sodom: pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters.

17 Let him that stole, steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands, the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

18 Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you.

19 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, That if any man would not work, neither should he eat.

20 Withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busy-bodies, speaking things which they ought not.

Prayer.—Lesson CXVI.

O LORD, Thou art, and besides Thee there is no God; the loving, the holy, and the just One,—the Lord, our Maker, our Benefactor, our offered Redeemer, and our best Friend,—the Searcher of all our hearts, our Judge, and over all, God blessed forever.

Thine, O Lord, are we, for Thou hast made us; and Thine is the right to the best affections and services of all our hearts and our lives. But what shall we say? We have sinned, sinned in youth, in riper years, in heart and in life, against heaven and before Thee; and O, how corrupt and vile has sin made our whole nature! Our heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Our carnal mind is enmity against God. Every imagination of the thoughts of our heart is only evil continually. Our faculties and powers, our appetites and passions are all perverted, and prone to sin. Our whole head is sick, our whole heart is faint. We are altogether guilty before God. There is none righteous, no, not one.

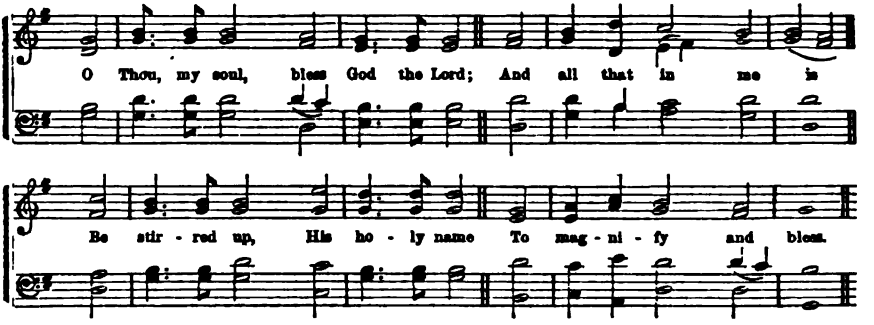
And what, O what shall we do? If we say we have no sin, we make Thee, O God, a liar, and Thy truth is not in us, for there is no man liveth and sinneth not. If we would do good, evil is present with us; and in us, that is in our flesh, there dwelleth no good thing. If we plead any good we have done, there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

But, O Lord, merciful and gracious, do Thou look on us, undone, helpless, lost, and have mercy upon us. Sin has reigned in us unto death, but O let grace now reign in us unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ. We cannot think or speak or do a good thing of ourselves; do Thou work in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Our strength is weakness, and our righteousness as filthy rags. Make Thou us perfect in every good work to do Thy will, working in us that which is well pleasing in Thy sight. Change our whole nature. Turn us from any confidence in the flesh, and make us glory only in the cross of Christ.

Save us from trusting in any works of righteousness which we have done; and let Christ be in us the hope of glory, and the all in all. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Let all our works be wrought in us by Thee. Perfect Thou that which concerneth us; and O, in Thy mercy, grant that delivered from the curse and justified by faith, and sanctified more and more unto Thee, we may be Thine,—savingly, lovingly, everlastingly Thine,—Thine in grace and Thine in glory,—and all, all for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Contributed.

Idleness and Worldly Thoughts **ARLINGTON. C. M.** *on the Sabbath Forbidden.*



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O THOU, my soul, bless God the Lord;
And all that in me is
Be stirred up, His holy name
To magnify and bless.

2 Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
And not forgetful be
Of all His gracious benefits
He hath bestowed on thee.

3 All thine iniquities who doth
Most graciously forgive:
Who thy diseases all, and pains,
Doth heal, and thee relieve.

4 Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
To death may'st not go down;
Who thee with loving-kindness doth
And tender mercies crown.

Scotch Version.

DOXOLOGY.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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LO, what a cloud of witnesses
Encompass us around:
Men, once like us with suffering tried,
But now with glory crowned.

2 Let us, with zeal like theirs inspired,
Strive in the Christian race;
And freed from every weight of sin,
Their holy footsteps trace.

3 Behold a Witness nobler still,
Who trod affliction's path;
Jesus, the Author, Finisher,
Rewarder of our faith.

4 He, for the joy before Him set,
And moved by pitying love,
Endured the cross, despised the shame,
And now He reigns above.

5 Thither, forgetting things behind,
Press we to God's right hand;
There, with the Saviour, and His saints,
Triumphantly to stand.

Unknown.

AND it shall come to pass that from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

2 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

3 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

5 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

6 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

7 Hear this, ye who say, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the Sabbath that we may set forth wheat? making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit.

8 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the LORD.

9 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

10 The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of Hosts; I will go, also.

11 If from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

12 Whatsoever soul it shall be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

13 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

14 Thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates; and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

15 When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all, with one accord, in one place.

16 Paul hasted, if it were possible for him to be at Jerusalem, the day of Pentecost.

Prayer.—Lesson CXVII.

ADORABLE GOD, Thou hast graciously sustained and protracted our unprofitable lives through another week. We bless Thee for the appointment of the Sabbath, and rejoice that it was ordained, and is perpetuated for the edification, and not the destruction of man. May this sacred season of holy rest be hailed and hallowed by all assembled in Thy glorious presence, and each one of us be in the Spirit on the Lord's day.

Suppress, we entreat Thee, every irregular and carnal desire, and banish all vain, sinful, worldly thoughts from our minds; and let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

Thou mightest justly have claimed the entirety of our time, but in infinite wisdom, love, and mercy, Thou challengest a special property in only one-seventh portion; and shall we, in the morning of our life, dispute Thy prerogative, calling Thee a hard master? If we forget Thy goodness and benignity, let our right hand forget her cunning. If we remember not Thee, let our tongue cleave to the roof of our mouth. Since Thou hast made this day, we will rejoice and be glad in it; and beseech Thee to open to us the gates of righteousness, and we will go into them and praise the Lord.

Nor would we indulge in inactivity, sloth, idleness, pride, or passion; nor be tempted to procrastination, saying, Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands, but speedily turn our feet to the heavenly commandments.

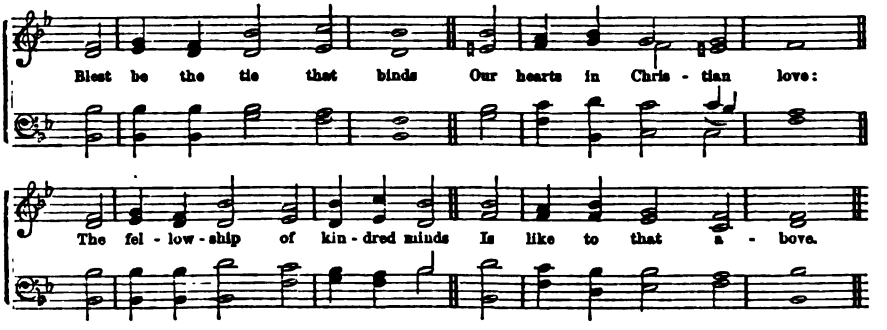
O God, Thou art our God; early and earnestly will we seek Thee, to see Thy power and glory as we have seen them in the sanctuary. And laying aside every weight and besetting sin, we will run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, in honor and testimony of whose incarnation and resurrection, the Sabbath was advanced from the last to the first day of the week.

Eternal Lord, who didst repeatedly meet and teach Thy disciples on this day, condescend to become our Instructor in our youth, receive us into the number of Thine own pupils, and under Thy tuition we will have more understanding than all our teachers. O send down the Holy Ghost in pentecostal effusion and special influences, to enlighten and transform educators and educated into the divine image.

And, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

David Kirkpatrick.

Reasons why God has **OLMUTZ. S. M.** *Given the 4th Commandment.*



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BLEST be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,—
Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

4 From sorrow, toil and pain,
And sin, we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

Fawcett.

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SWEET is the work, O Lord,
Thy glorious acts to sing,
To praise Thy name, and hear Thy word,
And grateful offerings bring.

2 Sweet, at the dawning light,
Thy boundless love to tell;
And when approach the shades of night,
Still on the theme to dwell.

3 Sweet, on this day of rest,
To join in heart and voice
With those who love and serve Thee best,
And in Thy name rejoice.

4 To songs of praise and joy
Be every Sabbath given,
That such may be our best employ
Eternally in heaven.

Lyte.

SPEAK unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

2 God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

3 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest; that thine ox and thine ass may rest; and the son of thine handmaid, and the stranger may be refreshed.

4 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations for a perpetual covenant.

5 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.

6 Remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence, through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

7 And Jesus said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

8 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath:

9 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginning of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings: that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God.

10 Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.

11 Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work:

12 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work.

13 Thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.

14 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day;

15 Wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

Prayer.—Lesson CXVIII.

O LORD, our God and Saviour, hear our prayers and accept our morning sacrifice, we entreat Thee. Enable us as we worship before Thee, the searcher of hearts, to gather in all wandering thoughts, and set our affections on things above.

We thank Thee for all the blessings with which our cup is daily filled. We feel that Thou, O God, hast created our bodies and souls, and hast made bountiful provision for them.

Every thing beautiful to the eyes, every sweet sound that falls on our ears, every pleasant thing which gratifies our taste, has been prepared for us by Thy loving hand.

Enable us to receive and enjoy each as coming from Thy gracious hand, that we may habitually and lovingly walk with Thee. Reward our parents and teachers for all the care and kindness bestowed on us by them. Make us a comfort and a blessing to them.

Establish the work of our hands day by day in righteousness. Instruct us by Thy Word; guide us by Thy Spirit; overrule and direct our course by Thy gracious providence; keep us back from sin, and incline us to duty, and enable us to grow up into the beauty of holiness in our lives.

We pray Thee, gracious Father, to bless with Thy favor and guidance all our rulers. Build up Thy Church on her most holy faith. Purify her from all that is false in doctrine and sinful in practice.

And we ask Thee to be with us in the labors and recreations of this day, and when our service on earth is ended, receive us to Thy kingdom in heaven for the sake of our dear Redeemer. Amen.

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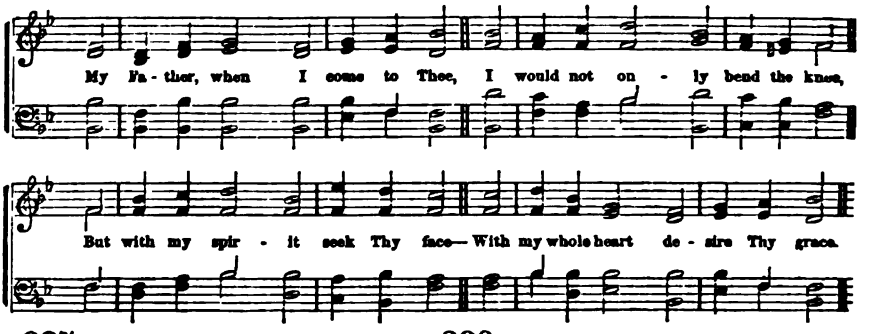

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MY Father, when I come to Thee,
I would not only bend the knee,
But with my spirit seek Thy face—
With my whole heart desire Thy grace.

2 I plead the name of Thy dear Son;
All He has said, all He has done;
O may I feel His love for me,
Who died, from sin to set me free!

3 To guide me, Lord, be ever nigh;
My sins forgive, my wants supply;
With favor crown my youthful days,
And my whole life shall speak Thy praise.

4 Thy Holy Spirit, Lord, impart;
Impress Thy likeness on my heart;
Let me obey Thy truth in love,
Till raised to dwell with Thee above.

Unknown.

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GREAT Saviour, who didst condescend,
Young children in Thine arms to take,
Still prove Thyself the children's friend,
And save us for Thy mercy's sake.

2 Like precious seed in fruitful ground,
Let the instruction we receive
To Thy immortal praise abound,
And make us to Thy glory live.

3 Give us a sober, steady mind:
Strength to withstand the snares of sin,
Boldly to cast the world behind,
And strive eternal life to win.

4 To read Thy Word our hearts incline;
To understand it, light impart—
O Saviour! consecrate us Thine:
Take full possession of each heart.

Unknown.

HONOR thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

2 He that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

3 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

4 Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

5 Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother: and all the people shall say, Amen.

6 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I shall testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

7 And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them, when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

9 Whoso curseth his father, or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

10 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

11 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

12 Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

13 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

14 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

15 For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother; and he that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

16 A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master; if then I be a father, where is mine honor?

17 The Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

18 For I have told Eli that I will judge his house forever, for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

19 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord

Prayer.—Lesson CXIX.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, we, Thy children, come unto Thee, through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, who is our Elder Brother. We ask, for His sake, the gift of the Holy Ghost, who will lead us into all truth, that by His gracious teaching, we may learn the meaning of this "first commandment with promise."

We beseech Thee to write this law upon our hearts, that we may never forget it, nor break it.

We thank Thee for our dear parents, for our Christian homes, and for all the blessings which Thy Word brings into those homes where we are taught to know and love our heavenly Father, and our risen Saviour. We thank Thee, too, for this school of Christ, where Thy Word and His Cross are unfolded to our young minds and hearts.

Bless, we entreat Thee, our fathers and mothers. May we honor them and obey them in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. May we be graciously kept from incurring the guilt, and from suffering those fearful curses which Thy Word denounces against all who disobey, or despise, or mock, or curse their father or mother. May we rejoice in their happiness, help them in their weakness, reverence their authority, honor their confidence, and follow their good examples. Help them to train us up in the way we should go, and when we are old, may we not depart from it. Let none of us bring down their gray hairs with sorrow to the grave; and keep, O keep all of us from becoming "murderers of fathers, and murderers of mothers," by our sins.

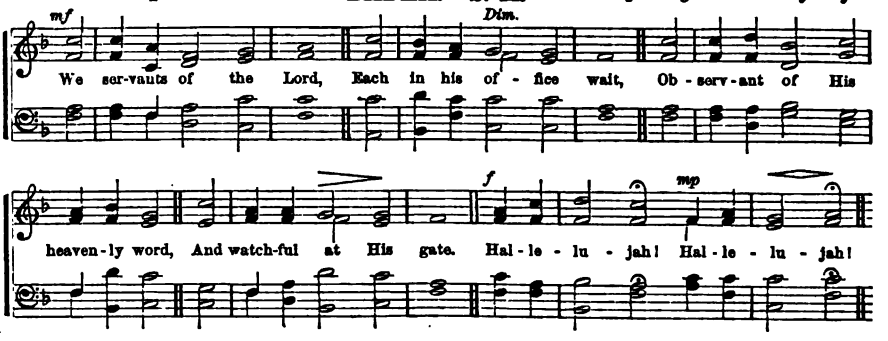
May the voice of rejoicing and salvation be in our tabernacles. May family piety adorn our homes and hearts; and may the family altar ever burn with the holy fire of our Christian faith.

Forgive the sins of our childhood and youth. May the blood of Jesus Christ, which cleanseth from all sin, wash us clean from all our guilt and pollution. Let the Gospel story of the childhood and youth of our divine Saviour ever fill our souls with its sweet lessons, and do Thou, Holy Comforter, take of the things of Christ and show them unto us. Enable us to study and to follow His bright example. Make us like the Lord Jesus Christ, and may we grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus, until at last we shall be transformed into the same image with Him, and be made like unto Him in glory.

Especially do we pray, that we may exhibit the Spirit of Jesus Christ at all times, and that His obedience unto death may be our righteousness unto life. And, as when He was on earth, He took little children in His arms and blessed them, so may He bless us this day and evermore. We ask all these mercies in the name and for the sake of Him who hath taught us to pray, saying, "Our Father," &c.

W. J. R. Taylor.

Duties are Imposed on us **BADEA. S. M.** *by every Relation of Life.*



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YE servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Observant of His heavenly word,
And watchful at His gate.

2 Let all our lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame:
Gird up your loins as in His sight,
For awful is His name.

3 Watch! 'tis your Lord's command;
And while we speak, He's near:
Mark the first signal of His hand,
And ready all appear.

4 Oh, happy servant he
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honor crowned.

Doddridge.

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HOW perfect is Thy word,
And all Thy judgments just;
Forever sure Thy promise, Lord,
And men securely trust.

2 I hear Thy word with love,
And I would fain obey;
Send Thy good Spirit from above,
To guide me, lest I stray.

3 Warn me of every sin;
Forgive my secret faults;
And cleanse this guilty soul of mine,
Whose crimes exceed my thoughts.

4 While, with my heart and tongue,
I spread Thy praise abroad;
Accept the worship and the song,
My Saviour and my God.

Watts.

WIVES, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord.

2 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church.

3 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

4 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it.

5 Let every one of you in particular, so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

6 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as it is fit in the Lord.

7 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

8 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

9 Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

10 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

11 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.

12 Not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

13 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.

14 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

15 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening; knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

16 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

17 Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor is due.

18 We being many, are one body in Christ, and every one, members one of another. For the body is not one member, but many.

19 We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

Prayer.—Lesson CXX.

ALMIGHTY and most Merciful God, who of Thy tender mercy hast given Thine only begotten Son, to suffer and die for us, look down upon us with tender compassion. Send us, we humbly beseech Thee, the light of Thy Holy Spirit, and guide us to the true knowledge and understanding of Thy blessed Word; show us our duties and obligations to those around us, and help us, with humility and obedience, faithfully to discharge them. We humbly confess before Thee our frailties, imperfections, and short-comings; and ask forgiveness through the atoning merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. By nature we are unholy, unclean, and undone; without strength, without righteousness, without any thing good. O grant that the Spirit may reveal the Saviour in our hearts, that our darkened minds may be illuminated, to know and understand our duties to Thee, and to all mankind. In whatever position in life we may be placed, whether as parents or children, as servants or subjects, may we be kind, humble, and obedient; always manifesting the spirit of our blessed Master, who gave tribute to whom tribute was due, and honor to whom honor.

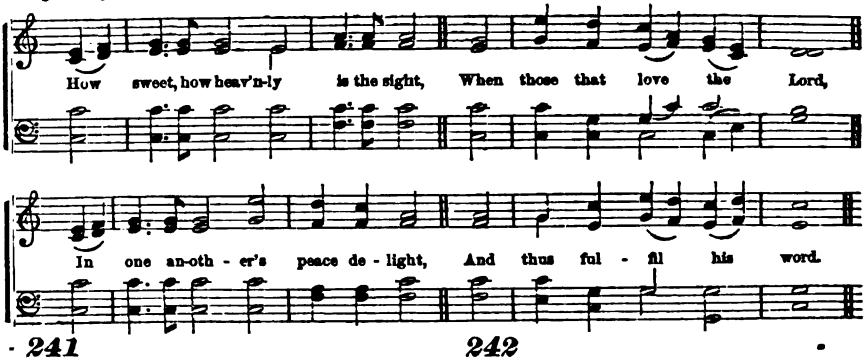
O Thou blessed and Eternal God, we beseech Thee give unto us, who are teachers, heavenly wisdom, that we may guide those who are committed to our care in the ways of holiness, and peace; that they may become good and dutiful children, useful and loyal subjects, humble and devoted Christians, to the praise of Thy glorious grace.

O may we all know what it is to come to Him, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We most humbly implore Thy benediction upon all mankind; upon kings and princes; upon Thy servant, the President of the United States, and upon all our rulers. Make us a holy and a happy people, that we may, with one mind and heart, glorify Thee. O grant that we may walk in the light of Thy truth, and have fellowship one with another.

Make us truly thankful that the darkness of Paganism has passed away from our nation. Bring all nations by Thy good Spirit to a saving knowledge of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May it please Thee, O Blessed Father, to bring into the way of truth, all who have erred and strayed from Thee. O Blessed Redeemer, may we never be ashamed of Thee and Thy Word; help us to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant by its effectual power, that the world may be crucified unto us, and we be crucified unto the world. Hear us, O Lord, our God, and fulfil all our petitions through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A. G. Dole.

Neglect of our Duties **HEBER. C. M.** *To others Forbidden.*



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HOW sweet, how heavenly is the sight,
When those that love the Lord,
In one another's peace delight,
And thus fulfil His word:—

2 When each can feel his brother's sigh,
And with him bear a part;
When sorrow flows from eye to eye,
And joy from heart to heart:—

3 When, free from envy, scorn and pride,
Our wishes all above,
Each can his brother's failings hide,
And show a brother's love:—

4 When love, in one delightful stream,
Through every bosom flows;
And union sweet, and dear esteem,
In every action glows.

Swain.

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FATHER of mercies, send Thy grace,
All-powerful, from above,
To form in our obedient souls
The image of Thy love.

2 O, may our sympathizing breasts
That generous pleasure know,
Kindly to share in others' joy,
And weep for others' woe.

3 When poor and helpless sons of grief
In deep distress are laid,
Soft be our hearts their pains to feel,
And swift our hands to aid.

4 So Jesus looked on dying man,
When throned above the skies,
And, in the Father's bosom blest,
He felt compassion rise.

Doddridge.

WHOSOEVER resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God, and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

2 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same.

3 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

4 Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;

5 All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

6 Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

7 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruiy, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak; be patient toward all men.

8 See that none render evil for evil unto any man: but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

9 Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged.

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

11 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

12 I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.

13 When ye come into a house, salute it.

14 Let as many servants as are under the yoke, count their own masters worthy of all honor.

15 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbor's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work.

16 I know Abraham, that he will command his children, and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD.

17 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

18 Jesus saith unto them, Render, therefore, unto Cæsar, the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God, the things that are God's.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXI.

WE OFFER devout thanksgivings, O Lord, that we may once more engage in the duties and enjoy the privileges peculiar to this place of instruction. Be Thou by Thy Word and Spirit in every heart the Great Teacher of these youth. Sweetly draw them in every path of righteousness by the constraining love of Jesus.

Better than all human rule, authority or discipline,—may His grace restrain every wayward impulse, soften every passionate temper, expel every mean, or spiteful, or jealous, or envious thought; cure all laziness, stir up all sluggish souls, and inspire all with pure desires and noble aspirations, and with an earnest purpose for His glory, to make the best use of the golden opportunities of the present.

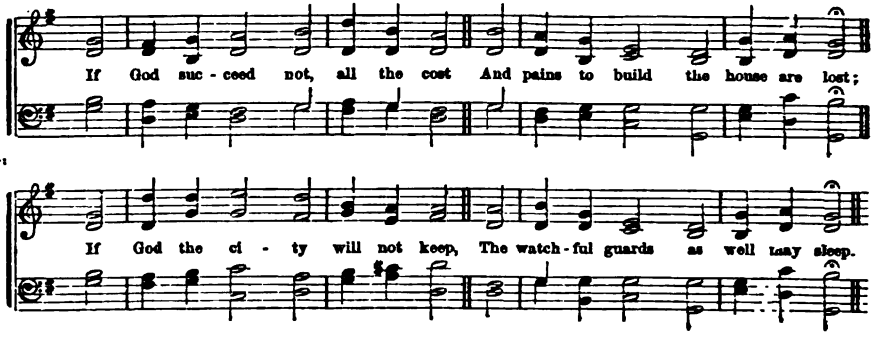
And, here, may every scholar be aided in forming a character in every way suited for lasting usefulness. May the whole moral atmosphere of this school act healthfully upon the conscience and the heart of the pupils. May those who fear God, have courage to witness for Him in their every day life, before their ungodly companions. May an earnest purpose to promote the spiritual welfare of the scholars be cherished by every pious heart; and thus may the plots of the adversary, seeking to lead these dear youth captive at his will, be wholly frustrated, and Thy glorious work of grace continually and powerfully go forward in this place of instruction.

In particular then, we pray, O God, that every scholar may gain right views of his duty and responsibility to the beneficent government under which, in Thy providence, he is placed; and may prize and cherish, with loyal and unchangeable affection, the free institutions which we have inherited from our fathers, and which, in our day, Thou hast so signally defended against conspiracy and violence. May they ever be found upon the side of justice, liberty and law; loving peace, yet never counting life, property, or personal ease as too dear to sacrifice, in maintaining these principles, and in defending the life of their country. And in every relation of life, may they take Thy laws as the guide of their conduct. In their dealings with their fellow students, may they learn to practise the large and generous rule of the Gospel: To do unto others, as they would others should do to them. And, may they now be fore-armed and fortified against every scheme or device of false teachers to weaken their respect for any or all of Thy commandments, to persuade them that any thing less than inward purity and truth will be accepted before Thee, or that any human system or authority can be put in place of Thine.

Acknowledging our guilt before Thy holy law, we would seek pardon and peace only through the infinite merits of Thy Son, our Redeemer; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, be praise for ever. Amen.

J. W. Mears.

Reasons why God has given **ROCKINGHAM. L. M.** *us the Fifth Commandment.*



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IF God succeed not, all the cost
And pains to build the house are lost;
If God the city will not keep,
The watchful guards as well may sleep.

2 What if you rise before the sun,
And work and toil when day is done;
Careful and sparing eat your bread,
To shun that poverty you dread;

3 'Tis all in vain till God hath blest;
He can make rich, yet give us rest.
Children and friends are blessings, too,
If God our Sovereign make them so.

4 Happy the man to whom He sends
Obedient children, faithful friends;
How sweet our daily comforts prove,
When they are seasoned with His love.

Watts.

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I ASK not wealth, nor pomp, nor power,
Nor fleeting pleasures of an hour:
My soul aspires to nobler things
Than all the pride and state of kings.

2 One thing I ask;—Lord, wilt Thou hear,
And grant my soul a gift so dear?—
Wisdom, descending from above,
The sweetest token of Thy love:—

3 Wisdom, betimes to know the Lord,
To fear His name, and keep His word;
To lead my feet in paths of truth,
And guide and guard my wandering youth.

4 Then shouldst Thou grant a length of days,
My life shall still proclaim Thy praise;
Or early death my soul convey
To realms of everlasting day.

Heginbotham.

HONOR thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

2 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

3 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

4 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

5 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

6 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

7 We have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

8 For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother; and he that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

9 Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee, the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers.

10 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

11 A wise son heareth his father's instructions: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

12 A fool despiseth his father's instructions: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

13 Moses said, Honor thy father and thy mother; and whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

14 Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother.

15 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

16 Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

17 Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do

18 For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXII.

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, we adore Thee as the hearer of prayer—as the fountain of every blessing, and especially for the great love which Thou hast shown to our sinful and guilty race.

We thank Thee for the gift of Jesus, Thine only begotten and well-beloved Son, our Saviour, for the pardon of our sins through His sufferings and death, and for the hope of everlasting glory. We bless Thee for all the comforts by which we are surrounded, for the pleasant homes we dwell in, and for the kind parents which Thou hast given us.

We pray Thee that Thou wouldst help us to be dutiful and obedient unto those whom Thou hast thus placed over us. May we indeed honor our father and our mother, not only because they are the channel through which many of our mercies flow, but because Thou hast commanded us so to do. May we not at any time grieve them by our waywardness, and may they have the joy of seeing us walk in the truth.

Bless our parents and our teachers, and let unity, and confidence, and love, bind us all more and more closely together. May they and we indeed have faith in Jesus, and together with Him be heirs of the glory, the peace and the purity of heaven.

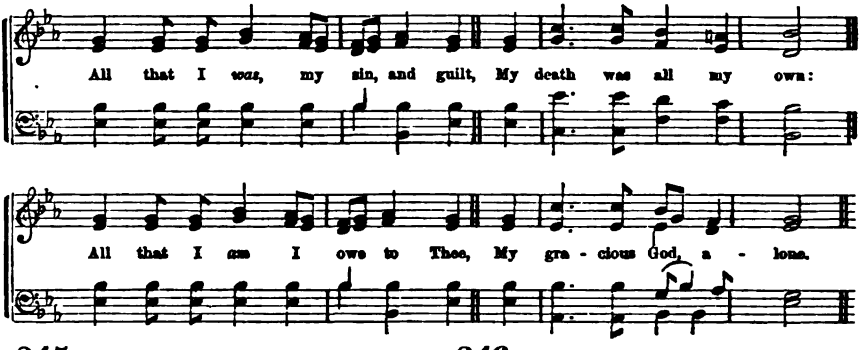
As we grow in bodily strength and advance in secular learning, may we increase in our knowledge of Thee, and in our love towards Thee for all Thy goodness. Assist us in our studies, and enable us in our youth to dedicate all our talents and acquirements to Thy service.

Give unto each of us the new heart, and incline us daily to walk in the way of Thy commandments.

May we not enter into the path of the wicked, nor go in the way of evil men. Prepare us for entering upon the active duties of life; and if Thou art pleased to spare us till we reach manhood, guide us in every difficulty and in every trial.

Preserve us as in the hollow of Thy hand, keep us as the apple of Thine eye, pardon our numerous sins, and wash our souls in the sin-atoning blood of the Lamb. Hide us continually in the clefts of the smitten rock, and when we die, whether in youth, manhood, or old age, receive us to dwell forever with Thee, and we shall praise Thy ever-blessed name both now and evermore, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

James Grant.



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ALL that I *was*, my sin, and guilt,
My death, was all my own:
All that I *am* I owe to Thee,
My gracious God, alone.

2 The evil of my former state
Was mine, and only mine:
The good in which I now rejoice
Is Thine, and only Thine.

3 The darkness of my former state,
The bondage—all was mine:
The light of life in which I walk,
The liberty—is Thine.

4 Thy grace first made me feel my sin,
And taught me to believe:
Then, in believing, peace I found,
And now, I live, I live!

5 All that I am, even here on earth,
All that I hope to be;
When Jesus comes, and glory dawns,
I owe it, Lord, to Thee.

Horatius Bonar.

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O FOR a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free!
A heart that always feels Thy blood
So freely spilt for me.

2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.

3 O for a lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean!
Which neither life nor death can part
From Him that dwells within;

4 A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good,
A copy, Lord, of Thine.

5 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above;
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of love.

C. Wesley.

THOU shalt not kill.
2 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are; for blood defileth the land; and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.
3 Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.
4 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother, and wherefore slew he him? because his own works were evil and his brother's righteous.
5 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment.
6 Surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.
7 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man.
8 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.
9 He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.
10 He that killeth any man, shall surely be put to death.
11 If he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.
12 The revenger of blood himself, shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him he shall slay him.
13 Moreover, ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death, but he shall be surely put to death.
14 If any man hate his neighbor, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities;
15 Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.
16 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXIII.

O LORD our God, who hast Thy glory above the heavens, in Thee we live, and move and have our being. Thou art not only the Giver and Sustainer of life, but Thou hast guarded it by Thy most Holy Commandment. Help us to keep Thy law in our hearts, as well as in our outward lives, loving all Thy creatures, and forgiving our fellow-men who may have done or wished us evil, even as we hope to be forgiven through Thy Son, our Lord.

Merciful Father, we acknowledge Thy goodness and infinite love. Thou hast created, preserved and redeemed us. Thou hast crowned us with loving kindness and tender mercy. Every morning brings us some new token of Thy love, and every evening we are surrounded by the evidences of Thy watchful care.

What have we rendered unto Thee for all Thy benefits? We confess that we have strayed from the path of duty, and forgotten Thee; that we have wasted our time and opportunity, and done but little for Thy honor and glory. We are altogether sinful, and unworthy; but we bless and magnify Thy great and holy name, that we are permitted to come in the name of Christ, and to plead His perfect worthiness before Thee. For His sake accept us, forgive us all our sins, and purify us from them. Cleanse our hearts from sinful thoughts and desires, and make them the temples of Thy Holy Spirit.

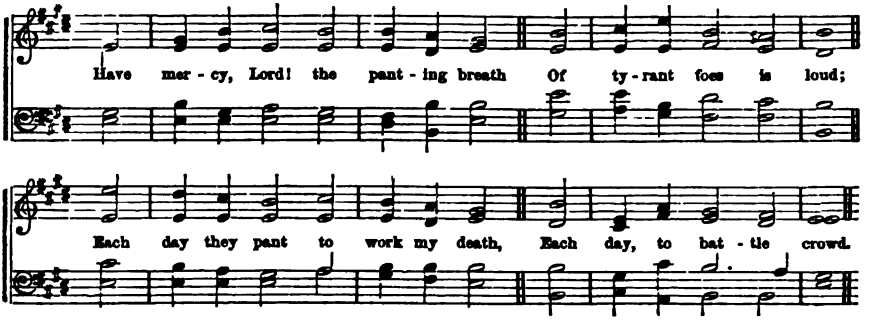
And now, grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy especial blessing as we begin the labors of a new day. Strengthen those who teach, and give them wisdom, and patience, and love. Give unto those who are taught, understanding hearts. Let Thy blessings rest richly upon them. They are yet in the morning of life, and the evil days have not come to them. Their hearts have not yet been touched by sorrow, nor burdened by care. O help them to render unto Thee the freshness, and beauty, and promise of their youth—to remember Thee ere the evil days draw nigh, and the years, when they shall say we have no pleasure in them.

Save us all this day from folly and sin—from trifling away our time and opportunities for usefulness—from denying Thee, or forgetting Thee. Help us in all our walk and conversation, to shed about us the influence of pure and holy lives—to so live that, going through the world, we may make it happier and better. And, at last, when our work is done, and the shadows of night gather round us, may they fall upon us as sweetly as the shades of evening upon the worn and weary laborer. May we then as joyfully lay aside the cares and burdens of earth and enter our eternal home where loved ones await our coming, and where there is rest and perpetual joy in the presence of our Lord.

Our Father who art in Heaven, &c.

David H. Cochran.

Regard for Life and **DOWNS. C. M.** *Care of it Required.*



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HAVE mercy, Lord! the panting breath
Of tyrant foes is loud:
Each day they pant to work my death,
Each day to battle crowd.

2 In God most holy, just and true,
I have reposed my trust;
Nor will I fear what flesh can do,
The offspring of the dust.

3 The live-long day my words they wrest,
And all their thought is ill:
They watch the track my feet have press'd,
And wait to rise and kill.

4 Shall they escape without Thy frown?
Must their devices stand?
Thy wrath, O Lord, shall cast them down,
And all shall know Thy hand.

American Metrical Psalter.

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SWEET is the memory of Thy grace,
My God, my heavenly King;
Let age to age Thy righteousness
In sounds of glory sing.

2 God reigns on high; but ne'er confines
His goodness to the skies:
Thro' the whole earth His bounty shines,
And every want supplies.

3 With longing eyes Thy creatures wait
On Thee for daily food;
Thy liberal hand provides their meat,
And fills their mouth with good.

4 How kind are Thy compassions, Lord:
How slow Thine anger moves!
But soon He sends His pardoning word
To cheer the souls He loves.

Watts.

THEN Judas, who had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself,

2 Saying, I have sinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

3 There were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate, and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

4 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations;

5 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honor, be not thou united; for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they digged down a wall.

6 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel.

7 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life;

8 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley.

9 Afterward, when David heard it he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD, forever, from the blood of Abner, the son of Ner; let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house.

10 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation.

11 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also.

12 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

13 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

14 For which things sake, the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.

15 Be not among wine-bibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty.

16 If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die, then the ox shall be surely stoned, but the owner of the ox shall be quit.

17 But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXIV.

"OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is heaven." We thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast revealed to our faith a bright world above, the home not only of pure spirits, who have never sinned, but also of all the pure in heart from among men, a world from which all forms of wrong and violence, and all evil passions and principles are forever banished, a world in which perfect love and peace perpetually reign, because that in all minds in common, perfect obedience to Thy will obtains.

We thank Thee, that Thou hast also revealed to our faith, the glorious promise, that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and that that kingdom which is righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, shall be set up and established in all hearts, filling the earth with the knowledge and glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Hasten, we beseech Thee, the coming of that glorious time, when man shall no more betray, oppress, destroy, or tempt to any form of evil, or wrong-doing, his fellow-man, when violence and crime, and misrule shall cease, and when the entire human family, the children of one common parentage, shall dwell together in love and unity, because Thy will is done in earth as it is in heaven. Banish from the earth, intemperance, licentiousness, covetousness, avarice, falsehood, deceit, evil-speaking, anger, wrath, malice, blood-guiltiness, and all instruments of cruelty, and there be none to hurt or to destroy.

Be merciful to us, we entreat Thee, in all our individual and social relations. "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Teach us all Thy way, that we may know Thee, and understand Thy way, and find grace in Thy sight. Purify us from all iniquity, and teach us, and give us grace to mortify every evil passion and propensity. Guard us from evil companionship, and suffer us never to tempt our associates to sin, and to be partakers in other men's sins. Cleanse Thou us from secret faults. Keep back Thy servants, also, from presumptuous sins. Strengthen us in our weakness; succor us in our temptations; correct our errors; illumine our darkness, and render us wise to understand, and strong to do, the will of our God.

Teach us the lesson of kindness and love to the poor and needy, to the bereaved and afflicted; and cause all the fruits of love to God, and good-will to men, to grace our character, and adorn our lives, before Thee, and before the world. Supply all our necessities, temporal and spiritual, as they occur. Guide us by Thy counsel, and afterward receive us to glory. In every conflict with evil, give us the victory, "through the blood of the Lamb, and the word of His testimony. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

A. C. Mahan.

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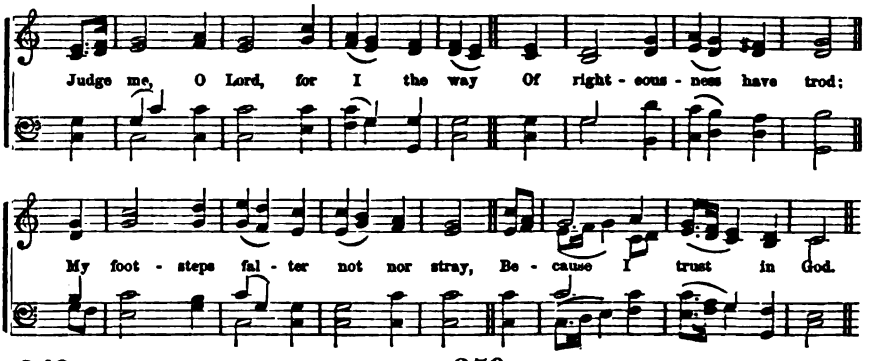

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JUDGE me, O Lord, for I the way
Of righteousness have trod;
My footsteps falter not nor stray,
Because I trust in God.

2 Prove me, O Lord, my bosom try,
Assay my inmost heart;
For from Thy love and truth, mine eye
Shall never, never part.

3 I sit not with the false and vain;
I shun the spoiler's den:
I hate the impious crowd profane,
Nor herd with godless men.

4 I wash my hands in innocence,
And round Thine altar go:
Pour the glad hymn of triumph thence,
And thence Thy wonders show.

American Metrical Psalter.

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LORD, I have loved the holy place
Where all Thine honor dwells;
Where the bright radiance of Thy grace
In majesty excels.

2 Oh, not with men of blood-stained hands
My wretched doom enroll;
And not with base and treacherous bands
Be my imprisoned soul.

3 I walk in mine integrity,
And guileless truth pursue:
Let Thy redemption, Lord, for me
Its wonted light renew.

4 That light my steadfast feet shall guide
To tread in smoothest ways;
Till with Thy people I abide,
And ever sing Thy praise.

American Metrical Psalter.

IF thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;

2 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that ponderetH the heart, consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth he not know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

3 Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm, for we are all here.

4 If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come.

5 No man shall take the nether, or the upper mill-stone to pledge, for he taketh a man's life to pledge.

6 A sound heart is the life of the flesh; but envy the rottenness of the bones.

7 Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

8 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

9 Wherefore, lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings.

10 As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

11 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

12 Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

13 My soul is continually in my hand, yet do I not forget thy law.

14 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

15 And that ye may prolong your days in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, to give unto them and to their seed.

16 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, to give them.

17 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days forever and ever.

18 The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

19 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

DOXOLOGY.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXV.

OUR Father in heaven, the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose name we come unto Thee, and in whose righteousness alone we trust, give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may know and appreciate the means which Thou hast appointed to lead us unto life eternal. We desire more and more to understand the mind of Christ, and to be led by the Spirit into all truth and duty.

In Thy wisdom Thou hast appointed these means. Grant us grace that we may use them with an eye single to Thy glory, always relying upon God our Father, in Christ Jesus our Lord, and the Holy Ghost who alone can make them effectual.

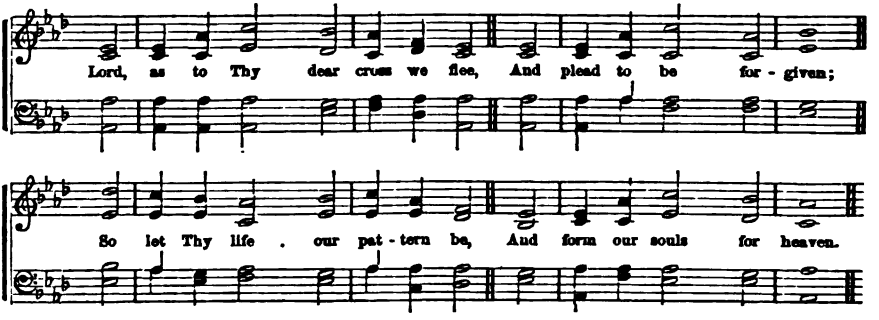
We confess to Thee, O Lord! that in the use of these means we are prone to rest our hopes, and even to forget the love, grace, and power which have ordained them, and the words of the Lord Jesus, "Without me ye can do nothing." Forgive us, we pray Thee, in this that we have left the fountain of life and use these broken cisterns which can hold no water.

While we then confess first our sins to Thee, we would especially remember all those who neglect, entirely, the means divinely appointed to the end, everlasting life.

We pray Thee, Holy Father, to grant light divine, that in Thy light all these may see light, and that the Holy Ghost may reprove them of sin, of righteousness and judgment. We pray that none may trifle with these divine interests, or despise their birthright, and so become vain and profane, but that all may know of the doctrines, and be led to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. In wisdom and grace Thou hast appointed these means.

May the Holy Ghost discover to us that we are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked, and constrain us to accept the divine counsel, and the means appointed, that through them we may become rich, and receive the white raiment, that we may be clothed, that the shame of our nakedness do not appear. Anoint our eyes with eye salve that we may see, and save us with an everlasting salvation only for Christ's sake. Amen.

John C. Smith.



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LORD, as to Thy dear cross we flee,
And plead to be forgiven,
So let Thy life our pattern be,
And form our souls for heaven:

2 Help us, through good report and ill,
Our daily cross to bear;
Like Thee, to do our Father's will,
Each other's griefs to share.

3 Let grace our selfishness expel,
Our earthliness refine,
And kindness in our bosoms dwell,
As free and true as Thine.

4 Kept peaceful in the midst of strife,
Forgiving and forgiven;
O, may we tread the pilgrim's life,
And follow Thee to heaven.

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O SAVIOUR, may we never rest
Till Thou art formed within;
Till Thou hast calmed our troubled breast
And crushed the power of sin.

2 O may we gaze upon Thy cross,
Until the wondrous sight
Makes earthly treasures seem but dross,
And earthly sorrows light:—

3 Until released from carnal ties,
Our spirit upward springs;
And sees true peace above the skies,
True joy in heavenly things.

4 There, as we gaze, may we become
United, Lord, to Thee:
And in a fairer, happier home,
Thy perfect beauty see.

Unknown.

BE not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

2 He that is slow to anger, is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city.

3 He that hath no rule over his own spirit, is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

4 The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

5 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him.

6 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD.

7 Let nothing be done through strife, or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

8 But now ye also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 For we ourselves also were sometime foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

10 Therefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

11 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

12 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking, be put away from you with all malice.

13 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

14 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

15 A sound heart is the life of the flesh, but envy is the rottenness of the bones.

16 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

17 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evil-doers shall be cut off.

18 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment.

19 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall be in danger of the judgment.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXVI.

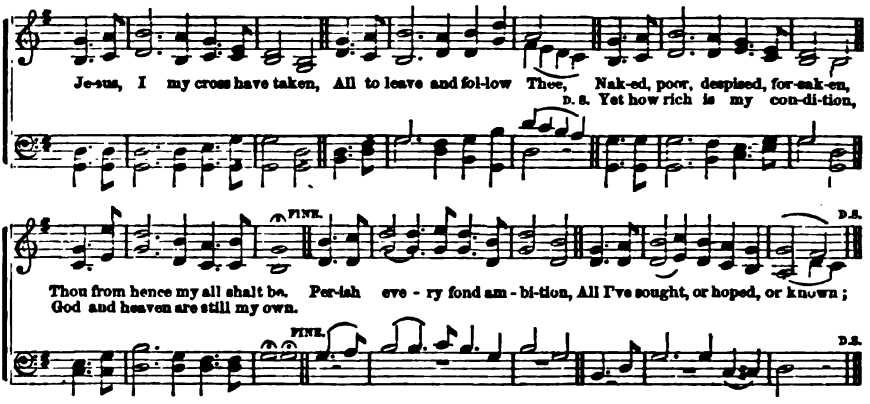
OH, THOU who searchest the heart and triest the reins of the children of men, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and in whose sight the heavens are not clean, how shall we, unworthy creatures of the dust, come before Thee, or lift up our voices in Thy presence.

Thou art holy, just and good. Thou seest the evil that abounds in us, and knowest that we are only vile. We confess before Thee that we have broken Thy laws, and come short of Thy glory. We mourn over the corruption of our hearts. Our tempers are sinful and depraved. Our dispositions are unholy and unclean. We have been ruled by our lusts, and have not restrained our desires. We have cherished unholy feelings toward our brother. We have envied his prosperity. We have given place to anger. We have resented injuries, and have been uncharitable and unforgiving. We have suffered bitterness to pervade our minds. We have allowed the fountain of our corrupt nature to send forth its impure streams. We have not curbed the evil propensities of our hearts.

O God, we are vile! We confess and bewail our manifold sins and infirmities, and seek not to cover our guilt. We fly to the mercy-seat. We plead the all-perfect merit of Jesus. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Pardon and forgive our past offences. Cleanse our hearts with Thy most precious blood. Wash us in the laver of regeneration. Purify our souls, and mould and chasten our affections and desires. Grant us restraining grace, that we may subdue our tempers and dispositions, and so direct that henceforth they may glorify Thee.

May we be enabled to take our blessed Redeemer for our pattern, that we may be conformed to Him in all things. May we be imbued with His Spirit and life, that we may grow in all meekness and love, and in every grace, and thus be sanctified, and cleansed, and made meet for the inheritance above. Grant this our humble prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

T. S. Johnson.



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JESUS, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee,
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou, from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.

2 Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn, and pain,
In Thy service pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba, Father,
I have set my heart on Thee;
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

Miss Grant.

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KNOW, my soul, thy full salvation;
Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear;
Think what Spirit dwells within thee;
Think what Father's smiles are thine;
Think that Jesus died to win thee;
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

2 Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day before thee—
God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thine earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Miss Grant.

OUT of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

2 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do: he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar, and the father of it.

3 This is the message that ye heard from the beginning, That we should love one another.

4 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

5 Have your conversation honest among the Gentiles, that, whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

6 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king as supreme;

7 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him, for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

8 He did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

9 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

10 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

11 Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

12 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind;

13 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

14 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken.

15 If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die, but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

16 Now the works of the flesh are manifest; of which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXVII.

OUR FATHER in heaven, by Thy mercy we have been permitted to enter upon another day. Thankful for our preservation during the defenceless hours of sleep, and for the refreshment of our bodies, we come to ask for the blessings which we need through the day.

O God, Thou hast commanded us to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and hast promised to those who do so, that Thou wilt direct their steps. We ask for grace, that we may obey Thy command and plead Thy promise. We would learn early in the day, early in life, and early in every undertaking, to seek Thy favor and blessing. O may we ever feel that without Jesus Christ our Saviour we can do nothing; and, that through Christ strengthening us we can do all things. Grant to us a strong and constant faith, ardent love, and willing obedience; and to this end we ask for the gift of Thy Holy Spirit to renew and sanctify our souls.

O Lord our God, bless us in the labors of this day here and elsewhere. Establish the work of our hands; in righteousness establish Thou it. Enable us to begin, continue, and complete every good work in prayerful dependence on Thee.

We lament before Thee, the darkness of our minds, and the hardness of our hearts. Help us to-day, and ever, to understand more fully Thy law, and more constantly and lovingly to obey it.

Bless every family here represented. Be with our parents, and brothers, and sisters, and all our friends. Bless our enemies, if such there be, and may they and we alike learn the fulness of Thy love. May the blessings of education, and civil and religious freedom, be speedily extended over all the world.

All these blessings we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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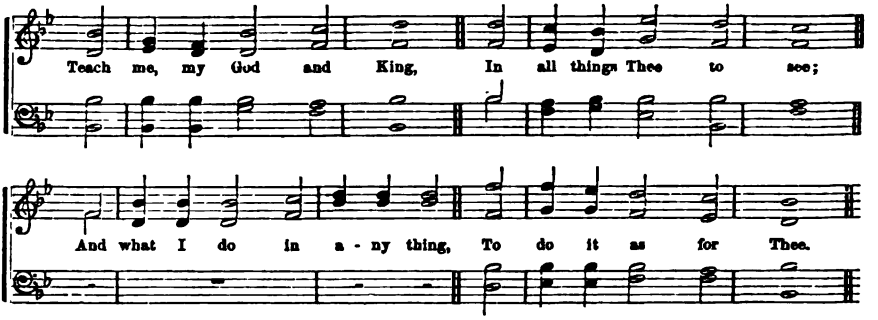

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TEACH me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see;
And what I do in any thing,
To do it as for Thee!

2 To scorn the senses' sway,
While still to Thee I tend;
In all I do, be Thou the way,
In all, be Thou the end.

3 All may of Thee partake;
Nothing so small can be
But draws, when acted for Thy sake,
Greatness and worth from Thee.

4 If done beneath Thy laws,
Ev'n servile labors shine;
Hallowed is toil, if this the cause;
The meanest work, divine.

G. Herbert.

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UNTO the wicked man
God saith, My laws and truth
Should'st thou declare? How dar'st thou take
My covenant in thy mouth?

2 When thou a thief didst see,
With him thou didst consent;
And with the vile adulterers
Partaker on thou went.

3 Because I silence kept,
While thou these things hast wrought,
That I was altogether like
Thyself, hath been thy thought.

4 Now I will thee reprove,
And set before thine eyes,
In order ranked all thy misdeeds,
And thine iniquities.

Scotch Version.

THOU shalt not commit adultery.
2 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:
3 But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.
4 I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced, committeth adultery.
5 It came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph, and she said, Lie with me.
6 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath into my hand.
7 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?
8 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph, day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.
9 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.
10 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.
11 Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, even I know and am a witness, saith the LORD.
12 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.
13 Now Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned; but what sayest thou?
14 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
15 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.
16 He carried me away in the spirit, and I saw a woman, arrayed in purple, and scarlet color—having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication; and upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXVIII.

"O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thoughts afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways."

"Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? and whither shall I flee from Thy presence?" "If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me,—even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike unto Thee!"

O Thou "High and Lofty One, that inhabitest eternity, whose name is Holy," Thou art "of purer eyes than to behold iniquity;" Thou hast declared that "no unclean person hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

Most merciful Saviour! Thou "knowest my foolishness, and my sins are not hid from Thee." I confess that I have but too often yielded my members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity,—bringing forth fruit unto death,—that I have "wrought the same with greediness, and have not repented me of the evil!" "I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me." "Against Thee, Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight!"

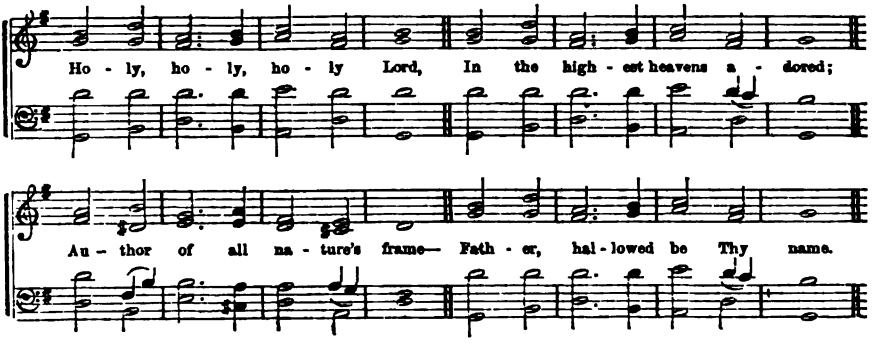
"Have mercy on me, O God, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies." "Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me."

I thank Thee, O my Redeemer, that Thou hast opened for me, in Thy precious blood, "a fountain for sin and all uncleanness;" and that Thou hast declared Thy readiness to forgive "all manner of sin." Help me, Thy needy and sin-sick child, to come unto Thee. "Wash me thoroughly from all mine iniquity, and cleanse me from all my sin." Help me to "renounce" each hidden "thing of darkness;" each wicked deed of which it is "a shame even to speak."

"Create within me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me." May I no more "grieve Thy Holy Spirit" by "giving myself over unto lasciviousness;" assist me to "flee each youthful lust," and to "keep myself pure." Enable me to abstain from all appearance of evil. Preserve me, also, O Lord, from drawing my companions aside from the way of chastity. Strengthen me, in mercy, that I may never yield my members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but that I may glorify Thee in my body and spirit which are Thine, and which Thou hast bought with a price.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me; and lead me in the way everlasting,—for Jesus' sake. Amen.

A. A. Reinke.



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HOLY, holy, holy Lord,
In the highest heavens adored,
Author of all nature's frame,—
Father, hallowed be Thy name.

2 Though estranged from Thee in heart,
Doubtless Thou our Father art;
From Thy hand our spirits came:
Father, hallowed be Thy name.

3 Born anew, oh, may we feel
Filial love, the Spirit's seal!
Cleansed from guilt, redeemed from shame;
Father, hallowed be Thy name.

4 When in want, or when in wealth,
Joy or sorrow, pain or health,
Still our prayer shall be the same:
Father, hallowed be Thy name.

Montgomery.

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FATHER of eternal grace,
Glorify Thyself in me:
Meekly beaming in my face,
May the world Thine image see.

2 Happy only in Thy love,
Poor, unfriended, or unknown,
Fix my thoughts on things above,
Stay my heart on Thee alone.

3 Humble, holy, all-resigned
To Thy will,—Thy will be done;
Give me, Lord, the perfect mind
Of Thy well-beloved Son.

4 Counting gain and glory loss,
May I tread the path He trod,
Die with Jesus on the cross,
Rise with Him to Thee, my God!

Montgomery.

BLESSED are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

2 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

3 Fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints.

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks.

5 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow; but a prating fool shall fall.

6 At the window of my house, I looked through my casement, and beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

7 Passing through the street near her corner; who went the way to her house, in the twilight in the evening in the black and dark night.

8 And behold there met him a woman with the attire of a harlot, and subtle of heart. She is loud and stubborn, her feet abide not in her house.

9 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.

10 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face spake unto him.

11 With her much fair speech, she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

12 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks.

13 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

14 By thy words thou shalt be justified; and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

15 A good man, out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man, out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

16 For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not.

17 The wisdom that is from above, is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying.

19 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them; for it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXIX.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we adore Thee as our Creator and Benefactor, our Redeemer, our Father, and our Friend. We acknowledge our dependence upon Thee. We come to Thee in our helplessness, seeking Thy strength. May we ever cherish a sense of our weakness. May we always lean upon Thine arm, as knowing that Thou pitiest our infirmities.

We humbly confess our great unworthiness before Thee. Thou art great in holiness, we are polluted by sin. Cleanse our souls, we beseech Thee, in the blood of atonement, and renew a right spirit within us. Grant, by the assistance of Thy grace, that we may turn away from every thing that is offensive in Thy sight. Enable us to withhold our thoughts from whatever is contaminating. May we not only flee youthful lusts by a circumspect behaviour, but may we also so govern our imaginations and desires, that no impure conversation shall proceed out of our mouth.

May we be spiritually-minded. May we be continually conversant with things above. When we are tempted, do Thou graciously make a way for our escape. Give us a sense of Thy constant presence; and raise our thoughts to the daily contemplation of that great final assize where we shall be judged for the deeds done in the body. May we remember that the saints above are robed in purity, and that the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem bar out all pollution. Help us, by the diligent study of Thy holy word to learn how a young man may cleanse his way. Let its doctrines enlighten us. Let its holy admonitions fill us with a salutary fear of sin and its consequences. Let its promises cheer and encourage us; and let the examples of piety which it presents, and especially the perfect example of our blessed Lord, incite us to a holy life.

Enable us to consecrate all our powers to Thy service. May we never forget the claims of the poor, the oppressed, and the afflicted, nor neglect to deny ourselves for the good of others.

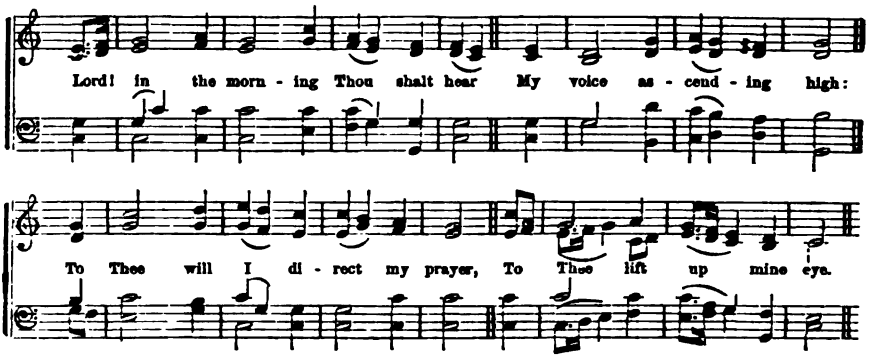
Help us to take a deep interest in Thy church universal, and to do all we can to promote its welfare.

We pray for Thy blessing on our beloved country. Give to our rulers wisdom from above, and dispose all our people to lead quiet and peaceable lives.

Bless our institutions of charity, our schools of learning, the ministry of the gospel, and all who labor to enlighten and sanctify the public mind. Fill the land with truth and righteousness, and make this nation an honored instrument in giving to Thy religion universal sway.

We ask all in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Joel Parker.



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LORD! in the morning Thou shalt hear
My voice ascending high;
To Thee will I direct my prayer,
To Thee lift up mine eye;

2 Up to the hills where Christ is gone,
To plead for all His saints,
Presenting at His Father's throne
Our songs and our complaints.

3 Thou art a God before whose sight
The wicked shall not stand;
Sinners shall ne'er be Thy delight,
Nor dwell at Thy right hand.

4 But to Thy house will I resort,
To taste Thy mercies there;
I will frequent Thy holy court,
And worship in Thy fear.

Watts.

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MY God, accept my heart this day,
And make it always Thine,
That I from Thee no more may stray,
No more from Thee decline.

2 Before the cross of Him who died,
Behold I prostrate fall:
Let every sin be crucified,
Let Christ be all in all.

3 Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,
Adopt me for Thine own,
That I may see Thy glorious face
And worship at Thy throne.

4 Let every thought, and work, and word,
To Thee be ever given,
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,
And death the gate of heaven!

Ancient.

THE wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

2 Shun profane and vain babblings; for they will increase unto more ungodliness. Flee also youthful lusts.

3 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence and covetousness which is idolatry.

4 For which things sake, the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.

5 Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil-doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

6 He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.

7 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

8 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from trouble.

9 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

10 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house; lest thou give thine honor unto others, and thy years unto the cruel.

11 Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof.

12 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God; but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

13 God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

14 Having, therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

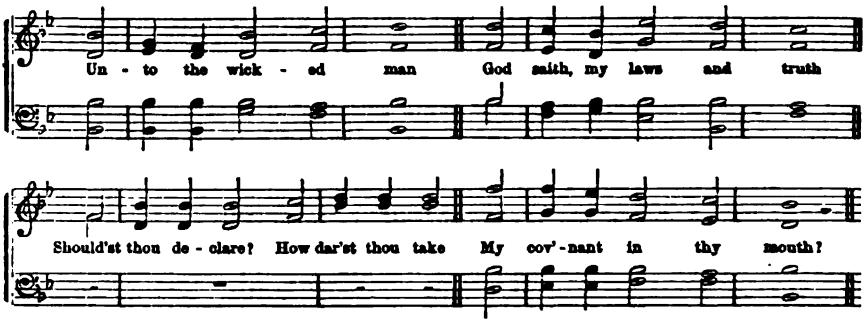
15 Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

16 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh.—These are spots in your feasts of charity.—Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXX.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, receive our supplications and prayers, which we now offer before Thee. We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine majesty; provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name.

Unto Thee, O Lord God Almighty, all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Thee no secrets are hid; and we beseech Thee to look down upon Thy servants here before Thee, and to cleanse the thoughts of their hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of their souls, that no unclean thoughts, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge their hearts from envy, hatred, and malice, that they may always live in peace, charity, and good will. Set a watch, we pray Thee, upon their mouths, and keep the door of their lips, that they offend not with their tongue. May no corrupt communication proceed out of their mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying. Give them Thy grace, O Lord, that they may abstain from doing any thing which shall displease Thee, or wound their own souls. And, since Thou knowest the weakness and corruption of their nature, and the manifold temptations which they daily meet with, we humbly beseech Thee to have compassion on their infirmities, and to give them the constant assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to their duty. Imprint upon their hearts such a dread of Thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of Thy love to them in giving Thy Son to die for their redemption, as may make them both afraid and ashamed to offend Thee. And, above all, keep in their minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and according to the deeds done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by Him whom Thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord;—in whose name we offer these our prayers, and to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen. *Manton Eastburn.*



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UNTO the wicked man
God saith, My laws and truth
Should'st thou declare? how darest thou take
My covenant in thy mouth?

2 When thou a thief didst see,
With him thou didst consent;
And with the vile adulterers
Partaker on thou went.

3 Because I silence kept,
While thou these things hast wrought,
That I was altogether like
Thyself hath been thy thought.

4 Now I will thee reprove,
And set before thine eyes,
In order ranked all thy misdeeds,
And thine iniquities.

Scotch Version.

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AND will the Judge descend,
And must the dead arise,
And not a single soul escape
His all-discerning eyes?

2 How will my heart endure
The terrors of that day,
When earth and heaven before His face
Astonished, shrink away?

3 But, ere the trumpet shakes
The mansions of the dead,
Hark, from the Gospel's cheering sound
What joyful tidings spread!

4 Ye sinners! seek His grace
Whose wrath ye cannot bear;
Fly to the shelter of His cross,
And find salvation there.

Doddridge.

THE man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and adulteress shall surely be put to death.

2 By means of a whorish woman, a man is brought to a piece of bread; and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

3 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

4 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

5 So he that goeth in to his neighbor's wife; whosoever toucheth her, shall not be innocent.

6 Whosoever committeth adultery with a woman, lacketh understanding; he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

7 A wound and dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

8 For jealousy is the rage of a man; therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

9 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

10 This is a heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges. For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

11 If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee, that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

12 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee; for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

13 Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

14 For this ye know, that no whoremongers, nor unclean persons, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

15 Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the wrath of God on the children of disobedience.

16 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

17 The lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil.

18 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death: her steps take hold on hell.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXXI.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners, for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. With deep shame we acknowledge the fallen condition of our race, the depravity and corruption of our hearts, and the evil propensities and unholy desires that war in us against Thy Spirit. We confess and bewail before Thee, our disposition by nature to yield to the allurements of the world, and the temptations of the devil. Lord, we are helpless and undone. In us there is no strength. Our hope, O God, is in Thy grace. From the depths of our misery and vileness, we lift our eyes in Faith to Thee, and implore Thine assistance and support. Of Thine abundant goodness and tender compassion, help us, O Lord, by the might of Thy Spirit, to resist all motions of sin in our hearts, and to mortify the deeds of the body that we may stand in the day of trial. Deliver us from the power and craft of Satan. Deliver us from the vices and follies of the world. Deliver us from the deceitfulness and sinful lusts of the flesh.

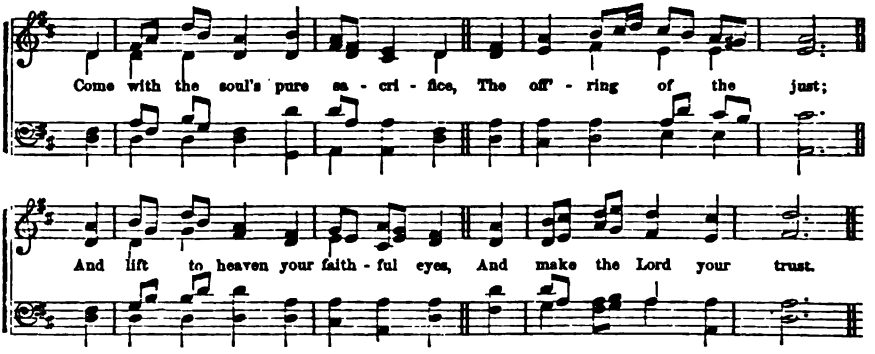
Vouchsafe unto us, we beseech Thee, both the outward and inward defence of Thy guardian care, that we may be shielded from the evils which assault the body, and be kept pure from all thoughts that harm and pollute the soul. Let no unholy and unchaste action rend the veil of that temple which the Holy Jesus hath been pleased to enter, and hath chosen for His habitation; but seal up our senses from all vain objects, and let them be entirely possessed with religion, and fortified with prudence, watchfulness and mortification.

O Lord, arm us with the same mind that was in Christ toward all evil and sin, and give us grace to keep our bodies in such holy discipline, that our minds may be always ready to resist Satan and obey the motions of Thy Holy Spirit.

O God, nourish all the seeds of grace that are sown in our hearts. Make us fruitful unto every good word and work. Increase in us the graces of faith, hope and charity, of humility, meekness, patience and resignation, and all other Christian virtues. Lord Jesus, take possession of Thy right in our souls, which Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and root out all self-righteousness, self-interest and self-will. May we take pleasure in abiding in Thy presence, in depending upon Thee; and leaving ourselves entirely to Thy disposal as a continual sacrifice to Thy will.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Preserve us in the knowledge of Thy truth, in the fellowship of Thy saints, and in the love of Thy pure and holy precepts, even to the end of our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

E. V. Gerhart.



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COME with the soul's pure sacrifice
The offering of the just;
And lift to heaven your faithful eyes,
And make the Lord your trust.

2 While worldly minds impatient, pine
More prosperous times to see,
Let Thy bright countenance but shine,
O glorious Lord, on me.

3 So shall my heart with gladness glow,
Beyond what Autumn yields
When the rich vineyards all o'erflow,
And smile the harvest fields.

4 Thus with my heart composed to praise
I give mine eyes to sleep:
Thy hand, in safety, keeps my days,
And will my slumbers keep.

American Metrical Psalter.

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LET all the just, to God with joy
Their cheerful voices raise;
For well the righteous it becomes
To sing glad songs of praise.

2 For, faithful is the word of God;
His works with truth abound;
He justice loves, and all the earth
Is with His goodness crowned.

3 Whate'er the mighty Lord decrees,
Shall stand forever sure;
The settled purpose of His heart
To ages shall endure.

4 The riches of Thy mercy, Lord,
Do Thou to us extend;
Since we, for all we want or wish,
On Thee alone depend.

Tate and Brady.

THOU shalt not steal.

2 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely.

3 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither rob him; the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

4 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

5 Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded; for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

6 Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed leaving him half dead.

7 This know, that if the good man of the house, had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

8 Ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.

9 Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban; and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

10 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? Set it here before my brethren, and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.

11 If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him.

12 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution.

13 He that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

14 Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me, lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

15 Thou that preachest, a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

16 Let no man go beyond, and defraud his brother in any matter; because that the Lord is the avenger of all such.

17 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them, because they refuse to do judgment.

18 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXXII.

OH, THOU infinitely holy and perfectly righteous God, may we now encompass Thine altar with true and honest hearts, and with our hands washed in innocency.

"Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with Thee. The wicked shall not stand in Thy sight, and Thou hatest all the workers of iniquity." "Thou art a God of knowledge, and by Thee actions are weighed." Thou art the holy Avenger of all who are wronged and injured.

What dost Thou require of us, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Thee. Thy word is faithful, Thy works abound in truth. Thou lovest justice, and righteousness, and abhorest the deceitful and unjust person.

With a deep sense of our entire dependence upon Thee, Oh, Thou just and merciful God, we beseech Thee, by Thy grace, to preserve us from every act of oppression or injustice towards our fellow-men, and grant that all our intercourse with them may be characterized by the strictest integrity of heart and fidelity of conduct. May we never prove false to them, nor imagine evil in our hearts against them, but ever cherish a sacred regard for their rights, possessions, enjoyments and happiness.

Oh, keep us from every wrong course of action towards others, and lead us in all circumstances to do to them as we would desire them to do to us. Dispose us to render unto all their righteous due: tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, honor to whom honor, and fear to whom fear is due.

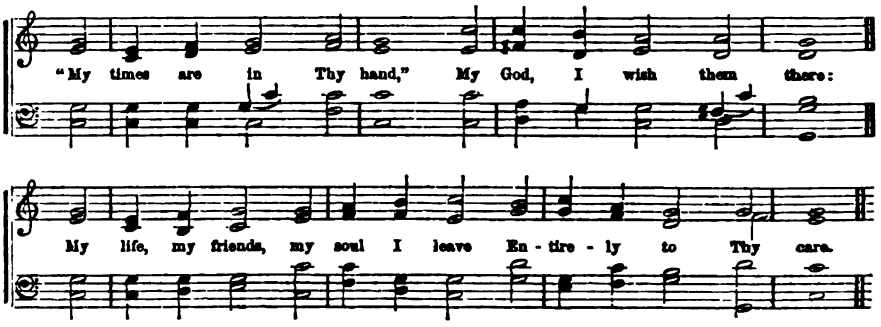
Oh, give us grace to walk before Thee with a perfect heart, and honor Thee in all our ways, and show in our life the great excellence of the precepts of Thy word. May we ever remember that we live and move under the eye of an infinitely holy God, who will search out all of our unrighteous acts, covetous desires, and wrong feelings, and bring them into judgment, and that we must forever abide His decision.

In all of our temptations to do wrong, may we fear to do the wicked act and sin against God. And whenever betrayed into wrong, may we have grace to make full restitution, and thus manifest our sincere repentance.

Help us, O Lord, to look upon all earthly treasure obtained by a deceitful tongue, or any fraudulent practice, as vanity; and to remember that Thou dost look upon it with holy displeasure. May we ever be found diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, and doing good unto all men as we have opportunity.

Oh, Thou just and righteous God, hear and accept our prayer for Christ's sake. Amen.

Martyn Tupper.



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"MY times are in Thy hand,"
My God, I wish them there;
My life, my friends, my soul I leave,
Entirely to Thy care.

2 "My times are in Thy hand,"
Whatever they may be;
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
As best may seem to Thee.

3 "My times are in Thy hand,"
Why should I doubt or fear?
My Father's hand will never cause
His child a needless tear.

4 "My times are in Thy hand,"
I'll always trust in Thee;
And after death, at Thy right hand
I shall forever be.

Unknown.

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HOW gentle God's commands!
How kind His precepts are!
Come, cast your burdens on the Lord,
And trust His constant care.

2 His bounty will provide,
His saints securely dwell;
That hand which bears creation up,
Shall guard His children well.

3 Why should this anxious load
Press down your weary mind?
O, seek your heavenly Father's throne,
And peace and comfort find.

4 His goodness stands approved,
Unchanged from day to day;
I'll drop my burden at His feet,
And bear a song away.

Doddridge.

RENDER therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

2 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

3 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

4 Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

5 If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.

6 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.

7 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

8 There is that scattereth, amd yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

9 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

10 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

11 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

12 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

13 Zaccheus said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him four-fold.

14 That every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor; it is the gift of God.

15 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

16 Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

17 Whoso mocketh the poor, reproacheth his Maker; and he that is glad at calamities, shalt not be unpunished.

18 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXXIII.

MY FATHER: Thy tender mercies are over all thy works, and thy hand is open to supply the wants of every living thing. Thou dost pity all them that fear Thee, and no good thing wilt thou withhold from them that walk uprightly. Help me to love Thee. Help me to trust in Thee with all my heart. Engrave Thy law upon my heart. Teach me to love mercy, to deal justly, and to walk humbly with God. May we never oppress the poor, nor withhold from the widow and the orphan their due.

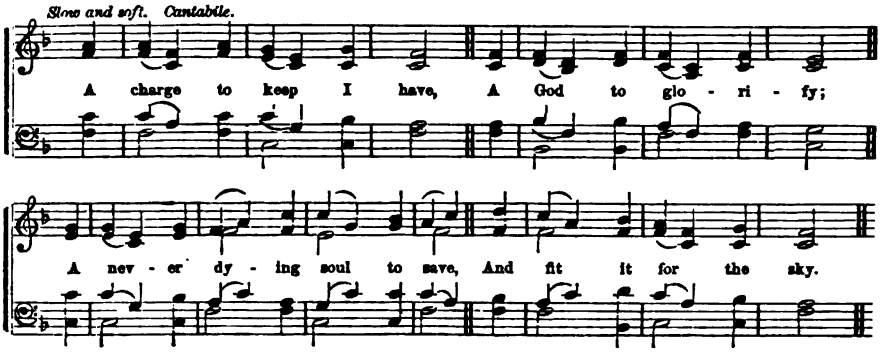
Conform my will to Thine. Draw me to Thyself, that my conduct may be like the life of the Lord Jesus Christ, who went about doing good.

Whatsoever my hand findeth to do, help me to do it with my might, realizing that there is no work, nor knowledge, nor device, in the grave whither I go. Keep me, lest I covet my neighbor's goods. Let me not be overcome by the temptations of avarice. Enable me to render to all their dues, and to provide things honest in Thy sight, walking honestly toward all men; rendering not evil for evil, but doing good unto all; being diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Give unto me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may be led truly to seek first the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness; trusting Thee to give unto me such things as are good for me.

Pardon all my sins, and accept me, a poor sinner, through the merit of the atoning blood, and of the perfect righteousness of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

T. S. Griffith.



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A CHARGE to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky:—

2 To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil,—
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.

3 Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And O, thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

4 Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely,—
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

C. Wesley.

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YE servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait;
With joy obey His heavenly word,
And watch before His gate.

2 Let all our lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in His sight,
For awful is His name.

3 Watch! 'tis your Lord's command;
And while we speak, He's near;
Mark every signal of His hand,
And ready all appear.

4 O, happy servant he,
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honor crowned.

Doddridge.

LET none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

2 He that tilleth his land, shall be satisfied with bread; but he that followeth vain persons, is void of understanding.

3 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule; but the slothful shall be under tribute.

4 He that hasteth to be rich, hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

5 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands, the house droppeth through.

6 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent; he that doeth these things shall never be moved.

7 Neither did we eat any man's bread for naught; but wrought with labor, and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you.

8 Not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

9 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

10 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat.

11 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.

12 Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

13 For after all these things do the Gentiles seek, for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

14 A little that a righteous man hath, is better than the riches of many wicked.

15 He that oppresseth the poor, to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.

16 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoileth them.

17 Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small.

18 But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXXIV.

FROM everlasting to everlasting, Thou, Lord, art God alone. Thou art holy and just, true and righteous. Thou hast given unto us Thy law and revealed unto us Thy holy will, and Thou wilt not hold him guiltless, who, knowing what Thou hast commanded, shall yet disobey Thee.

Evermore, we pray Thee, keep before us all the solemn responsibilities that are upon us in view of our depravity and weakness, and of Thine infinite righteousness. Help us, by Thy Spirit, to cleanse ourselves from every impure desire, every selfish hope, every carnal propensity and indulgence, and enable us to live, and think, and feel as those who shall at the last day be compelled to render unto Thee a strict account. May a sense of our many and wide-reaching obligations to our Creator and Redeemer never leave us.

May we see in Jesus our Model and Helper. May His pure and holy youth, His spotless humanity, His perfect life, fill us with desires to be like Him, to conform ourselves to His Spirit, to put ourselves into sympathy with His character and precepts. May we recognize in Him our highest example, our only guide, and our Saviour from the power of that strong and dreadful spirit of sin which is dragging us onward to our soul's eternal ruin. May we never cease to remember that as we sow, so we shall also reap; that we shall receive in the world to come the exact reward of the deeds which we have done upon the earth, and that our only hope and strength is in Him who bore our sins upon the cross, suffering death for us so that we might live, and rising from the grave so that we also might rise to everlasting life. May we remember the fulness of the salvation which is offered to us in Christ Jesus, so that we may not only come to Him for forgiveness, when the consciousness of sin and unfaithfulness is burdening our souls, but may be encouraged and incited to aspire after a greater purity of character, a more complete devotion, a more thorough self-consecration, a more steady and cheerful activity in His cause.

Put from us all inordinate love of the world and its pleasures. May we learn rightly to estimate the value of earthly riches and enjoyments, regarding them only as gifts from Thee, which are to be employed for Thy glory and the good of our fellow-men. Save us, we pray Thee, from an envious and avaricious spirit, from the greed of gain, from the love of money, and may it be our chiefest care to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, which shall never be taken from us. In the whole governing spirit of our life, in our tastes and ambitions, in our plans and habits, may we be governed by a regard for Thy law and glory.

We are utterly incompetent to our own salvation. In will and motive, by habit and by practice, we are sinners. Oh, help us by Thy Spirit, to be sorry for our sins, to repent of all the evil we have done, and to cleanse ourselves from all iniquity. Keep us in Thy fear and love. Enable us to live as Thy children upon the earth, and to be faithful, even unto the end. so that at last we may receive of Thee the crown of life, which shall never fade away.

Hear us in these our petitions. Have us in Thy most holy keeping. Vouchsafe to keep us this day without sin; and, finally, when we come to die, take us to Thyself in heaven, and unto Thy holy and blessed name, our Father, Saviour, and Sanctifier, shall be praise forever. Amen.

H. A. Brickenstein.

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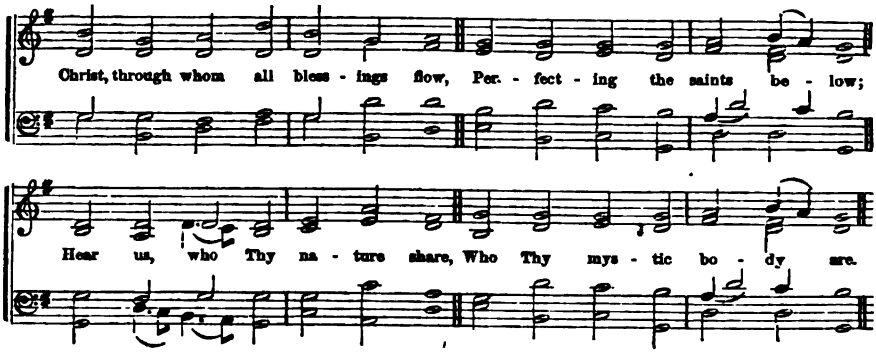

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CHRIST, through whom all blessings flow,
Perfecting the saints below,
Hear us, who Thy nature share,
Who Thy mystic body are:

2 Join us, in one Spirit join;
Let us still receive of Thine:
While for more on Thee we call,
Thou who fillest all in all.

3 Move and actuate and guide,
Divers gifts to each divide:
Placed according to Thy will,
Let us all our work fulfil.

4 Never from our office move,
Needful to each other prove:
Let us daily growth receive,
More and more in Jesus live.

C. Wesley.

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JESUS, Lord, we look to Thee;
Let us in Thy name agree:
Make us of one heart and mind—
Courteous, pitiful, and kind.

2 Let us for each other care;
Each the other's burden bear:
To Thy church a pattern give;
Show how true believers live.

3 Free from anger and from pride,
Let us thus in God abide;
All the depths of love express,—
All the heights of holiness.

4 Let us then with joy remove
To the family above:
On the wings of angels fly;
Show how true believers die.

C. Wesley.

ROB not the poor, because he is poor; neither oppress the afflicted in the gate.

2 King David said to Ornan, Nay, but I will verily buy it for the full price; for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt-offerings without cost.

3 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth; to turn aside the right of a man, before the face of the Most High; to subvert a man in his cause, the LORD approveth not.

4 He that oppresseth the poor, reproacheth his Maker; but he that honoreth him, hath mercy on the poor.

5 Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.

6 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

7 If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as a usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

8 Arise, go down to meet Ahab, king of Israel, and thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

9 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

10 They bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

11 The congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

12 The king by judgment establisheth the land; but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

13 Felix hoped that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him; wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

14 Devise not evil against thy neighbor, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

15 Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself, and discover not a secret to another,

16 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

17 Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; and if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

18 He that passeth by and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXXV.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

We come unto Thee in His all-prevailing name, who suffered, the Just for the unjust, to bring us to God. For His sake look Thou upon us, and be merciful unto us. May we not be rash with our mouth, or hasty in our spirit to utter any thing before Thee.

O let our heart be right with Thee; deliver us from all self-seeking and self-pleasing. Mercifully grant, that in all we do, we may have a single eye to Thy glory; and that we may study to show ourselves approved unto Thee. Who can understand his errors? Cleanse Thou us from secret faults, and let not any iniquity have dominion over us.

Teach us, we beseech Thee, by Thy heavenly inspiration, to have a right judgment in all things. Make us kind and yielding in our temper, and upright and liberal in all our doings. Let Thy heavenly grace regulate our conduct towards our fellow men.

O that we may fulfil the royal law of love, and all things whatsoever we would that men should do unto us, may we do even so unto them, remembering that this is the law and the prophets.

All this we ask in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Edgar M. Levy.

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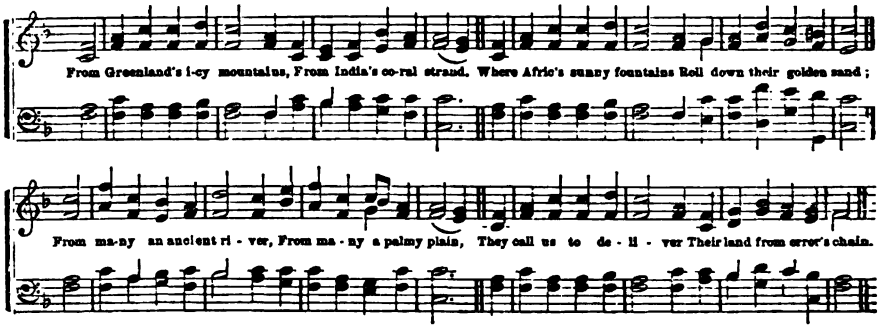

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FROM Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand,—
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile;
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen, in his blindness,
Bows down to wood and stone!

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,—
Shall we, to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation, oh, salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,
And you, ye waters, roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign!

Heber.

IF any of you do err from the truth and one convert him, let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

2 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved.

3 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

4 And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

5 To do good and to communicate, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

6 We made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly, with the third part of a shekel, for the service of the house of our God.

7 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; for the Levites, and the singers that did the work, were fled, every one to his field.

8 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And gathered them together, and set them in their place.

9 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

10 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? Now, therefore, thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider your ways.

11 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

12 Ye looked for much, and lo, it came to little, and when ye brought it home I did blow upon it. Why, saith the LORD of hosts? Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

13 Therefore, the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

14 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

15 Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

16 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

17 As ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXXVI.

THOU, O Lord, art the Father of mercies, the infinite source of all benevolence. Every good gift and every perfect gift cometh from Thee. Thou givest to all, life, breath and all things.

The best of men can merit nothing from Thee, but is less than the least of Thy mercies. Yet how manifold are Thy goodness, Thy loving-kindness and gracious benefits towards even the most unworthy. Thou makest Thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust. And Thou hast made grace and salvation as free as Thy sunshine and rain. Thou so lovedst the world as to give Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life; and Thou hast commissioned and enjoined Thy servants to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

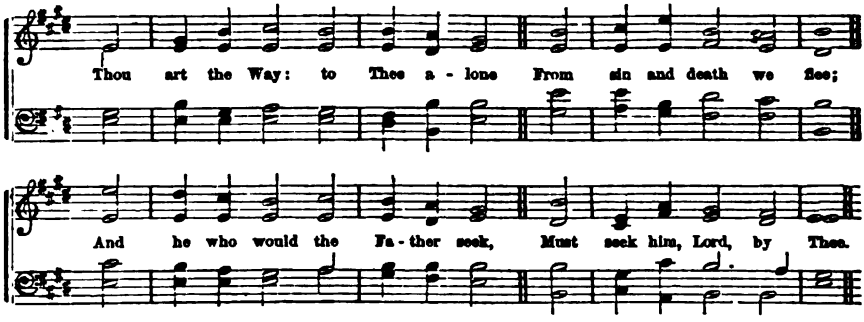
Infinitely gracious God, pour out Thy Spirit upon us as a transforming Spirit, that by His divine power we may be created anew in Thy likeness; that we may be delivered from all our unthankfulness and selfishness. Make us truly grateful for all our great blessings and privileges, in which we are so wonderfully distinguished from the heathen nations of mankind.

We thank Thee for the Saviour, and for all temporal and spiritual good, the fruit of His atonement and intercession for us.

Make us truly like Thyself, full of good will and ceaseless activity, according to the ability and opportunities which Thou dost bestow. May all Thy goodness lead us to repentance, faith in Christ, thankfulness to God, compassion toward all that are ignorant, destitute and miserable, and to a cordial, entire, and constant devotion of ourselves, and all that Thou givest us, to Thy holy and delightful service, seeking, above all things, Thy glory, in the advancement of Thy kingdom among men, by the conversion of all nations to Christ, and the sanctification of labor, science, art, and literature unto holy ends, by the word and Spirit of God.

Forgive, O Lord, our great hardness of heart toward the perishing multitudes of our race, who still sit in the region and shadow of death; and grant us the pitiful and self-sacrificing mind that was in Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. Give unto all Thy people a missionary spirit; and send forth able, earnest and faithful laborers into Thy harvest, great Lord of the harvest, that Jews and Gentiles may acknowledge Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah, and look for His coming a second time, without sin, unto salvation. Hear our prayer, and save us, for His name's sake. Amen.

S. L. Finney.



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THOU art the Way: to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek,
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2 Thou art the Truth: Thy word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst instruct the mind,
And purify the heart.

3 Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in Thee,
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

Doane.

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RELIGION is the chief concern
Of mortals here below:
May all, its great importance learn,
Its sovereign virtue know.

2 Let deep repentance, faith, and love,
Be joined with godly fear;
And all our conversation prove
Our souls to be sincere.

3 Let with our lips our hearts agree,
Nor slandering words devise:
We know the God of truth can see
Through every false disguise.

4 O God of truth! help to detest
Whate'er is false or wrong,
That lies, in earnest or in jest,
May ne'er employ our tongue.

Fawcett.

THOU shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

2 Ye shall not lie one to another.

3 Because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? and if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

4 A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

5 The king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

6 Thou lovest evil more than good: and lying rather than to speak righteousness.

7 The proud have forged a lie against me, but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

8 This is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD.

9 They bend their tongues like their bows for lies; but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.

10 Thy habitation is in the midst of deceit: through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

11 Burning lips, and a wicked heart, are like a potsherd covered with silver doors.

12 They will deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

13 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter; but war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.

14 They delight in lies, they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.

15 In many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

16 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

17 A hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor.

18 He said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie; so he was their Savior.

19 Who is a liar, but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-Christ that denieth the Father and the Son.

20 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

21 He that speaketh the truth in his heart.

Prayer.—Lesson CXXXVII.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, we bless Thee for the privilege of once more compassing the mercy-seat, and worshipping toward Thy holy hill. We adore Thee for what Thou art in Thyself, a being infinite in all Thy attributes and perfections, and for the manifestations which Thou hast made of Thyself to the children of men.

Clouds and darkness are round about Thee, but justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne. With Cherubim and Seraphim, therefore, would we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, and cry Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

We thank Thee for the temporal blessings which have crowned our pathway, and especially for the revelation of Thyself in Thy Word and works. We adore Thee for the ample provision for our restoration to Thy forfeited favor. Though far gone from original righteousness, yet we may be healed of our moral maladies, and recover Thy lost image upon our hearts. Help us to come with faith to the fountain opened for sin and uncleanness, that we may be cleansed and made new creatures in Christ Jesus.

May we, in temper, word and act, be like Him who was holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners.

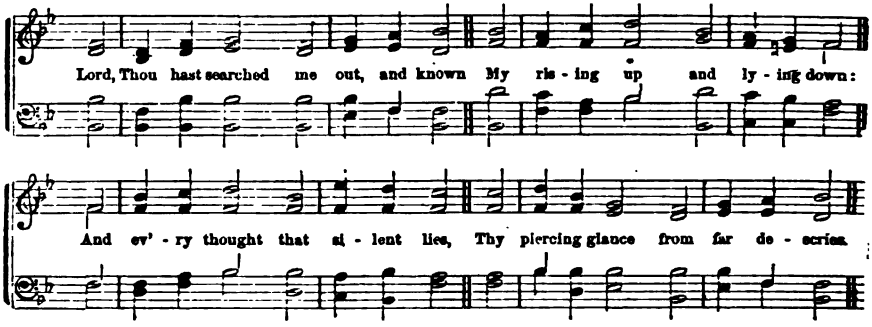
Above all, may we have that charity which suffereth long and is kind, that envieth not; vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things; hopeth all things; endureth all things; that charity which, greater than hope or faith, shall live when prophecies shall fail, and tongues shall cease.

Giver of all good, grant us grace to do Thy will in all things, and ever to keep Thy commandments. May we ever strive to do what Thou hast enjoined, and to avoid what Thou hast forbidden. May we not bear false witness against our neighbor, but have fervent charity among ourselves. Help us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee.

Let Thy benedictions fall like morning and evening dews upon our beloved land, and upon the nations and families of the earth. Bless all the means and agencies employed for the spread of Thy kingdom and the ultimate triumph of Thy cause. Hasten the day when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and the last wanderer gathered into the fold of Christ.

Kept by Thy grace, and guided by Thy Spirit, may we finally enter through the gates into the everlasting city, and to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, shall be all the praise both now and forever. Amen.

I. C. Pershing.



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LORD, Thou hast searched me out, and known
My rising up and lying down:
And every thought that silent lies,
Thy piercing glance from far descries.

2 Thou art about the path I tread;
Thou art around my nightly bed:
Thou knowest whate'er my lips would vent,
My yet unuttered word's intent.

3 If e'er my soul could long for wings
To shun Thy might, O King of kings,
Where from Thy Spirit could I hide,
Or where beyond Thy beams abide?

4 Search Thou, O God, my thoughts and heart;
And try my soul's most secret part:
Correct me when I go astray,
And lead me in the eternal way.

American Metrical Psalter.

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BLEST is the man who will not stray
Where godless dreams allure his feet;
Who stands not in the sinner's way,
And sits not in the scorner's seat;

2 But in the statutes of the Lord
Has, day by day, his best delight,
The strength that cheers his morning board,
The peace that smoothes his couch at night.

3 He, like the tree around whose root
Bright waters never cease to glide,
Yields his green leaf and mellow fruit
Each in its pleasant time and tide.

4 Not thus the wicked wait their doom
From that just hand that fans the grain:
The winnowing winds shall whirl their bloom,
Like chaff that strews the withered plain.

American Metrical Psalter.

BUY the truth, and sell it not, also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

2 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members, one of another.

3 When he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come.

4 We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

5 For the fruit of the Spirit is in all, goodness, and righteousness, and truth.

6 Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.

7 We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

8 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

9 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifices for sins.

10 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

11 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came, and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

12 Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

13 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.

14 Seeing that ye have purified your souls, in obeying the truth through the Spirit, unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

15 Lead me in thy truth and teach me. Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

16 Oh, send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill.

17 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day, the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

18 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures, here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Prayer.—Lesson CXXXVIII.

OUR FATHER, which art in Heaven, we thankfully acknowledge Thy mercies to us this day. Thy goodness, abundant and constant, encourages us to look for its continuance, according to our need. "Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from Thee." Behold us in Thy mercy, and bestow upon us these good and perfect gifts.

Especially do we pray that a hearty and sacred love for the truth may be implanted in our hearts. May we desire it earnestly, and seek for it diligently. Give, we pray Thee, light to our understandings, that we may ever discern it, and graciously dispose our hearts to receive it, in the love of it. Banish from us all prejudice, all pride of reason, and make us sincere and humble in our search for truth. Lead us ever to the fountain of all truth—the Holy Scriptures. Make us bold in the truth, and for it. May we ever be willing to follow it whithersoever it shall lead us: to contend earnestly, yet meekly for it; to share in all the reproaches cast upon it; to do all it requires of us. Send out Thy light and Thy truth, and let them lead us. May Thy truth free us from all evil, and make us wise unto eternal life.

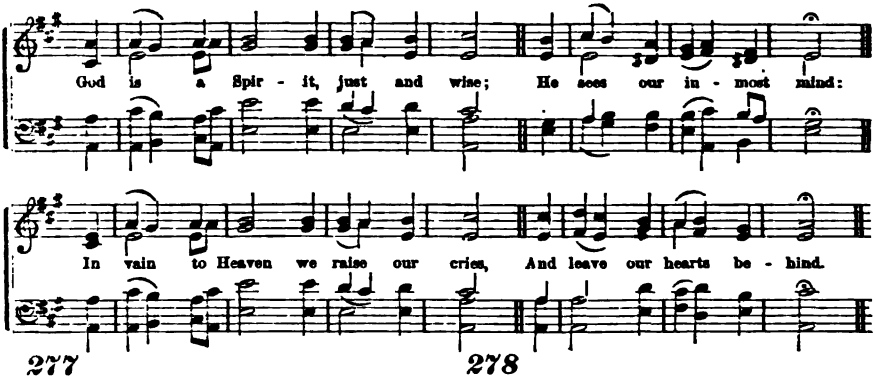
O Lord, as Thou art faithful to Thy words, so make us faithful to our words. As we rely with sure confidence upon Thy truth, enable us so to speak and act as to win the confidence of all men. Free our hearts from deceit, and our lips from guile, so that all our words may be like Thine, sure words. Save us, we beseech Thee, from the sins of falsehood and treachery, for "lying lips are an abomination in Thy sight, and he that worketh deceit shall not dwell in Thy house." Deliver us from the folly of flattery, for a "man that flattereth his neighbor spreadeth a net for his feet." Grant us strength to withstand all temptations and bribes to forsake the truth in word or deed. Save us from every error.

Bestow upon us the constant influence of the Spirit of Truth, that we may ever be true to Thee, true to Thy word, true to all men, true to ourselves; that we may win Thy favor and blessing, who art the God of Truth.

Grant, of Thy great mercy, that we may ever so sacredly cherish all truth in our hearts, that we may so diligently and constantly practise it in our lives, that we may finally enter into Thy kingdom of glory, through Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and Thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

Charles A. Downs.

Whatsoever is Prejudicial to **ARMENIA. C. M.** *Truth is Forbidden.*



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GOD is a Spirit, just and wise;
He sees our inmost mind:
In vain to Heaven we raise our cries,
And leave our hearts behind.

2 Nothing but truth before His throne
With honor can appear;
The painted hypocrites are known
Through the disguise they wear.

3 Their lifted eyes salute the skies;
Their bending knees the ground;
But God abhors the sacrifice,
Where not the heart is found.

4 Lord, search my thoughts, and try my ways,
And make my soul sincere;
Then shall I stand before Thy face,
And find acceptance there.

Watts.

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COME, children, listen and drink in
The words that reach your ear:
I teach you the true discipline
Of God's religious fear.

2 Let him who covets to live long,
And prosperous days would see,
From slandering language keep his tongue,
His lips from falsehood free;

3 From sin's alluring paths depart,
The law of good obey;
Peace the fixed aim of all his heart,
The rule of all his way.

4 From Heaven the Lord's approving eyes
Upon the just are bent:
His ears are open to the cries
Of the wronged innocent.

American Metrical Psalter.

THOU shalt not raise a false report: put not thy hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

2 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

3 If a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity.

4 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil, maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

5 Whosoever, therefore, shall be ashamed of me and of my words, in this adulterous, and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father and of the holy angels.

6 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

7 He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

8 Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister.

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me, and on my kingdom, a great sin? Thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10 As a mad-man who casteth fire-brands, arrows, and death, so is the man that deceiveth his neighbor, and saith, Am not I in sport?

11 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no tale-bearer, the strife ceaseth.

12 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbor, is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

13 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

14 A word fitly spoken, is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

15 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go, my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

16 Judge not, that ye be not judged. Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

17 I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

18 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

19 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

Prayer.—Lesson CXXXIX.

O GOD, compose our minds, and prepare our hearts for addressing a throne of grace. Grant unto us the spirit of prayer and supplication, and enable us to worship Thee, who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. We desire to come before Thee with humble, sincere, and penitent hearts; and let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

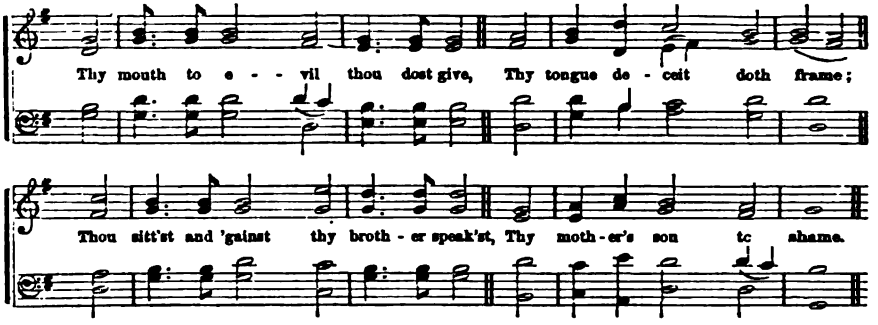
We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for our preserved lives, and Thy continued goodness. Let Thy blessing rest upon us this morning. Assist us, we entreat Thee, in the exercises of the day. Make us faithful and conscientious in the discharge of our duties, and may our efforts be crowned with success.

We know, O God, and feel that we are sinners, but we know also that Jesus Christ is an all-sufficient Saviour. Grant us, we pray Thee, sincere and true repentance for our past offences, and enable us to exercise faith in Jesus, Thy well beloved Son. Blot out, we beseech Thee, all our transgressions, and wash away all our sins in the blood of Jesus. Send down the influences of Thy Holy Spirit, to cleanse and purify our hearts, and to sanctify our affections and dispositions. Impress more and more the truths of Thy divine word upon our minds, and seal them upon our hearts. Help us to lead holy and obedient lives, so that we may be prepared for dying happy deaths.

Bless, O God, this institution of learning. Bless all connected with the school. May the youth here, be trained up in the paths of virtue and piety. Incline and dispose them to walk in the ways of truth and verity. Throw around them the restraints of Thy grace. Let them not forget that "wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." May they ever remember that a good name is better than great riches. Dispose them to love the truth, to hate every species of falsehood, and all manner of deceit. May they ever be careful not only to speak the truth, but also to act the truth.

Grant, O God, that they may ever imitate the example of Christ, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Let their motives always be pure, and their aims lofty. Help them to lead honest, truthful useful, and holy lives; and, finally, be prepared for entering the paradise of God. Hear, O Lord, this our prayer. Remit all our sins, and accept and save us, for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

B. B. McKinley.



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THY mouth to evil thou dost give,
Thy tongue deceit doth frame.
Thou sitt'st and 'gainst thy brother speak'st,
Thy mother's son to shame.

2 These things thou wickedly hast done,
And I have silent been:
Thou thought'st that I was like thyself,
And did approve thy sin:

3 But I will sharply thee reprove,
And I will order right
Thy sins and thy transgressions all,
In presence of thy sight.

4 Consider this, and be afraid,
Ye that forget the Lord,
Lest I in pieces tear you all,
When none can help afford.

Scotch Version.

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THE heart that schemes of mischief breeds,
To exile far shall go;
The hand defiled with guilty deeds
My soul shall loathe to know.

2 The tongue with secret slanders keen
Shall feel my stern control;
I will not spare the haughty mien,
The proud and faithless soul.

3 No fraud shall lurk beneath my roof
No false one dwell with me;
All lying lips must keep aloof,
They shall not near me be.

4 Swift shall my sword of vengeance fall
On all the impious train;
Till God's fair city's holy wall
Give back no step profane.

American Metrical Psalter.

ALL liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

2 Without are dogs and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

3 A false witness shall not be unpunished: he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

4 Then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

5 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power, and signs, and lying wonders.

6 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth; that they might be saved.

7 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

8 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.

9 What shall be given unto thee? or, what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

10 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

11 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue. The lips of truth shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

12 Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

13 While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

14 And Ananias, hearing these words, fell down, and gave up the ghost, and great fear came upon all them that heard these things.

15 It was about the space of three hours after when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

16 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

17 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

18 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost:

19 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

Prayer.—Lesson CXL.

O LORD, Thou art a God of truth, and Thou requirest of all those who worship Thee, to do it in sincerity and truth. We are sinful creatures, and are ever disposed to speak and practise falsehood, both in respect to Thee, and in our relations with our fellow men. Even from the birth we go astray, speaking lies. And in our natural state, Satan, the great father of lies, has such an influence over us as to cause us to speak and deal falsely, and thus dishonor Thee, and do an injury to our immortal souls.

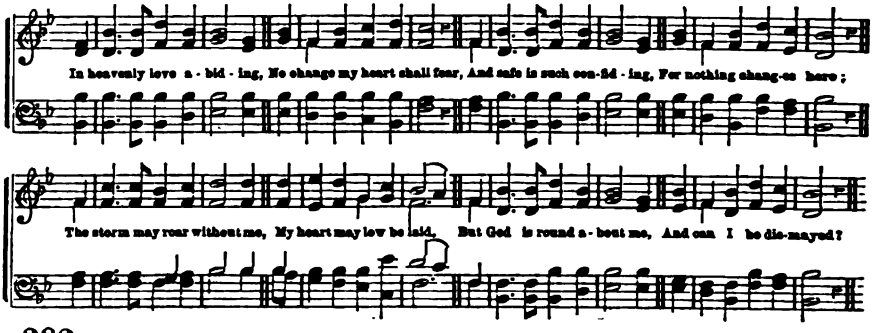
Enable us, by the teachings of the Word and Spirit, to understand how important it is that we be entirely truthful. Enable us, also, to have a proper conception of the sin of those who speak lies, or practise deception in Thy presence. And may we be led to cherish an abhorrence of all lying, and every thing that will excuse or countenance it, either in ourselves or others. O, enable us to bear in mind how lying dishonors Thee: may we be taught to remember how contrary it is to Thy nature, Thy Word and Thy government. And may we, by these considerations, and, also, by remembering that Thou hast threatened to severely punish those who do not live according to Thy Truth, be deterred from all false words, acts or intentions.

Thou hast said, that "He that speaketh lies shall perish." Thou hast said, "A false witness shall not escape." Thou hast also said, "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Thou hast threatened to punish them both in this world and the next. And Thou hast exhibited Thy abhorrence of it, both by Thy threats, and by the way Thou hast visited those who were guilty of it. O, may the sin and fate of Gehazi, of Ananias and Sapphira, and others, not be ours. But make us to know, love, cherish, speak, and act the truth always and every where.

Cause us, moreover, to have a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, by its application to our hearts, by Thy Holy Spirit. In all our lives may we follow after Him who is the "Way, the TRUTH and the Life," "who knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth."

"O send Thy light forth, and Thy truth." Send them into our hearts, and throughout the world, changing and correcting every thing that either "loveth or maketh a lie." Keep us always in Thy fear. Prepare us for life, for death, and for heaven; and accept of our persons and services in Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

J. R. Johnston.



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IN heavenly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear,
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here:
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

2 Wherever He may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack:
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim:
He knows the way He taketh,
And I will walk with Him.

3 Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen,
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where darkest clouds have been:
My hope I cannot measure;
My path to life is free;
My Saviour has my treasure,
And He will walk with me. *Miss Waring.*

DOXOLOGY.

To Thee be praise forever
Thou glorious King of kings!
Thy wondrous love and favor
Each ransomed spirit sings:
We'll celebrate Thy glory
With all Thy saints above,
And shout the joyful story
Of Thy redeeming love.

THOU shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

2 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbor's.

3 The wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.

4 Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

5 It came to pass after these things, that Naboth, the Jezreelite, had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab, king of Samaria.

6 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house, and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

7 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

8 Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done.

9 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus, and thus have I done.

10 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and behold they are hid in the earth, in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

11 Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman, the Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought; but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

12 Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house.

13 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

14 Mortify, therefore, your members which are upon the earth; fornication, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Prayer.—Lesson CXLI.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we come solemnly into Thy presence, desiring most humbly to confess our manifold sins, while we adore Thy fatherly goodness. We acknowledge that in ourselves we are unworthy to appear before Thee; for Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and we are sinful and unclean; but we come in the name of Jesus Christ, our great Mediator and Advocate, and pleading the merits of His atoning blood, and relying upon His prevailing intercession, we draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, to obtain mercy and find grace to help in this our time of need.

We thank Thee for the enjoyment of all the temporal and spiritual blessings with which we have been favored. Thy protection has ever been over us, and Thou hast ministered to all our wants. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives.

O, that we might love Thee more, that we might be more grateful to Thee than we ever yet have been.

Make us deeply sensible of all our spiritual wants, and do Thou graciously supply them. Bless to us all the means of grace with which we are favored. May we acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and do Thou direct our steps. Cleanse us from all secret faults, and keep us back from all presumptuous sins, and suffer them not to have dominion over us. Purge our hearts from all impure and inordinate desires. May we take heed, and beware of covetousness.

Keep us from all injustice and evil speaking, that we may be blameless and harmless. And grant, O Lord, that we may ever cherish in our hearts and exhibit in our lives, the principles of Thy Holy Word. May we, by the Spirit, mortify the deeds of the body, that we may live to the glory of Thy name. Watch over us, and strengthen us for duty. May we attempt nothing in our own strength, but all in dependence upon Thy grace.

Help us, O Lord, ever to have our affections, and conversation, and treasure in heaven. May the Word of Christ dwell in us richly, in all wisdom; and, may the love of God be shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost. Fill us with the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, that these things being in us, and abounding, we may be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, O heavenly Father, let Thy hand be upon us for good, and Thy presence go with us through our lives, and let all our prayers be answered, according to Thy riches in glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Mediator. Amen.

John Wilson.

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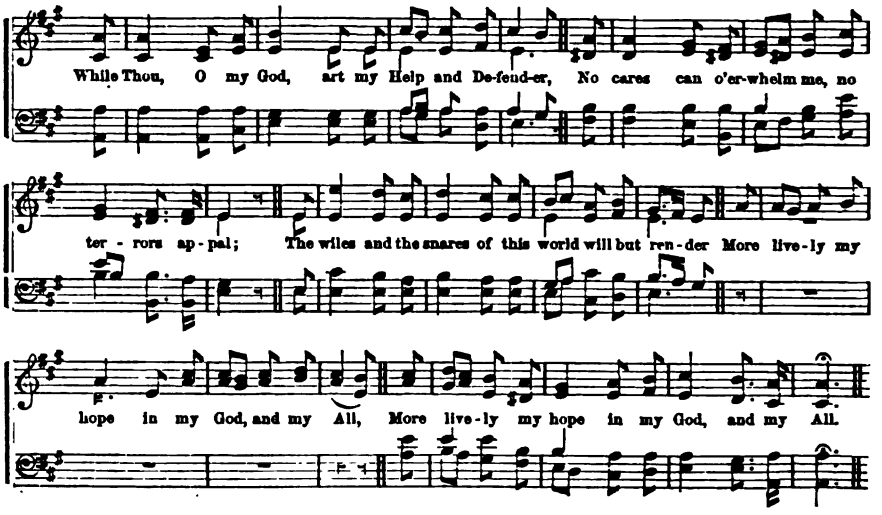

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WHILE Thou, O my God, art my Help and Defender,
No cares can o'erwhelm me, no terrors appal;
The wiles and the snares of this world will but render
More lively my hope in my God, and my All.

2 Yes; Thou art my Refuge in sorrow and danger,
My Strength when I suffer: my Hope when I fall;
My comfort and joy in this land of the stranger;
My Treasure, my Glory, my God, and my All.

3 To Thee, gracious Lord, will I turn without ceasing,
Though grief may oppress me, or sorrow befall:
And love Thee, till death my blest spirit releasing,
Secures to me Jesus, my God, and my All.

4 And when Thou demandest the life Thou hast given,
With joy will I answer Thy merciful call,
And quit Thee on earth, but to find Thee in heaven,
My Portion forever, my God, and my All.

W. Young.

GODLINESS with contentment is great gain; for we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out;

2 And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content.

3 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

4 For the love of money is the root of all evil; which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness, and be content with such things as ye have; for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

7 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

8 Therefore, I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

9 Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

10 Why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin;

11 And yet, I say unto you, That even Soldmon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.

12 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

13 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Prayer.—Lesson CXLII.

O GRACIOUS and most merciful Father, we adore Thee as the God of our life and the length of our days. Every day Thou art giving us new proofs of Thy care—new pledges of thy faithfulness. Every day Thou art loading us with Thy benefits. We bless Thee for food and raiment, for health and strength, for friends and home, for all that brightens our pathway in life, for all that cheers and irradiates our prospects beyond the grave.

Oh, give us thankful hearts! Help us ever to rejoice in Thee as a rich Provider, and an all-wise Provider, who will give us nothing, and deny us nothing, but what is for our good. If Thou deny us earthly bliss and earthly happiness, may the very denial be sweet to us, knowing that it is the will of infinite love. Impart unto us a spirit of reverential and child-like submission to Thy will.

We know not, O Lord, what blessings are best to receive, what fancied good is best withholden. May we, therefore, confide in the infinite wisdom and unutterable tenderness of all Thy dealings with us. As Thou hast ever cared for us, and watched over us to the present moment, so may we trust Thee implicitly for the future. Enable us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee, and do Thou in mercy direct our paths.

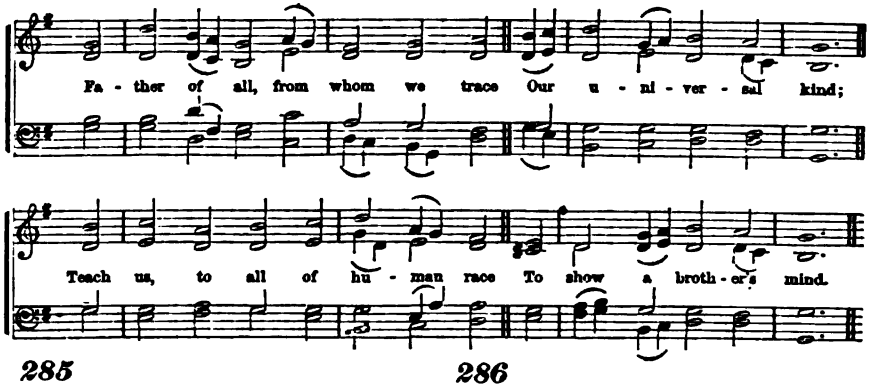
O God, our heavenly Father, help us to dismiss all anxious thought for the morrow, and to be passive in Thy hands. Whether Thou chasten us, or gladden us, whether prosperity or adversity be ours—oh, bring us nearer to Thee! Give us any thing but Thy displeasure. Lord, lift Thou upon us the light of Thy countenance,—give us the heritage of Thy grace and love, and then we shall be rich indeed.

Blessed Jesus! we commit our temporal and our everlasting interests to Thee. Take these unworthy, sinful and polluted hearts,—sanctify and seal them for Thyself; make them Thine only, wholly, and forever. May we hear Thy voice proclaiming in our ears, "Arise, for this is not your rest;" and may our habitual response be, "We desire a better country, that is, a heavenly." Give us grace to walk as the expectants of a glorious immortality. Be Thou our constant guide in all our journeyings.

Let Thy gracious benediction rest upon us; and when the days of earth shall merge with the ages of eternity, may it be ours to spend them in the full vision and fruition of Thee, our Lord and Redeemer, to whom, with Thee, O Father, and with Thee, O Holy Spirit, be everlasting glory, now and evermore. Amen.

John S. Foulk.

Interest in our Neighbor's **STEPHENS. C. M.** *Welfare, and Care for it Required.*



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FATHER of all, from whom we trace
Our universal kind,
Teach us to all of human race
To show a brother's mind.

2 Saviour of men! 'twas Thine the pain
Of death for all to bear;
In concord all Thy followers' train,
One hallowed name to share.

3 O Spirit! who the chosen fold
Dost wash with heav'nly dew,
Grant Thou, that all the truth who hold,
May peace with all pursue.

4 O let mankind in love agree,
Sons of one parent stock!
But, chief, may Christian verity
Unite the Christian flock.

Unknown.

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WITH love the Saviour's heart o'erflowed;
Love spoke in every breath;
Supreme it reigned throughout His life,
And triumphed in His death.

2 Behold, this new command He gives
To those that bear His name,—
That they shall one another love,
As He hath loved them.

3 In every action, every thought,
Be this great law fulfilled;
Forgotten be each selfish aim,
Each angry passion stilled.

4 Let all who bear the name of Christ,
While they His sufferings view,
Think of His words, "Each other love,
As I have loved you."

Unknown.

REJOICE with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

2 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother: keep that thou hast unto thyself.

3 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand; he loveth to oppress.

6 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable?

7 Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

8 If thou at all take thy neighbor's raiment to pledge, thou shall deliver it unto him, by that the sun goeth down: for that is his covering only.

9 Remove not the old land mark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless.

10 For their Redeemer is mighty: he shall plead their cause with thee.

11 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.

12 The blessing of him that was ready to perish, came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

13 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

14 I was a father to the poor; and the cause which I knew not I searched out. When the ear heard me then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me.

15 Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

16 Seeing ye have purified your souls, in obeying the truth through the Spirit, unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another, with a pure heart fervently.

17 This is the message that ye heard from the beginning, That we should love one another.

18 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

19 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen?

20 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God, love his brother also.

Prayer.—Lesson CXLIII.

O GOD, Thou art the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Have mercy on us, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, and cause Thy face to shine upon us.

We thank Thee that Thou hast fashioned us in Thine own image, and that Thou hast made us immortal. O God, visit us continually, and show us Thy salvation.

We thank Thee for the sure Word of Prophecy that shines upon our minds and hearts, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Intercessor. Thou hast visited and blessed us with innumerable blessings. Forsake us not, O God, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

O, send upon us Thy Holy Spirit, Thou ever-living and true God, and enter and sanctify our hearts and lives, that we may be Thine forever. Enable us to come to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. Grant us faith in His infinite merits, and enable us in all things to follow His blessed example. Help us to cultivate our minds and hearts, and to devote all to the promotion of Thy glory. Be with us this day. Grant us wisdom, truth and grace, that in all things, we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

Bless this institution of learning. Guide and illumine both teachers and scholars. Put honor on Thy Word. May all envy, and wrath, and malice, and clamor, and evil-speaking, and every evil work be banished hence. Grant, O God, that we all may cherish the graces of Thy Spirit, that we may be diligent, fervent and faithful to the end. Help us to be truthful, honest, prudent, chaste and righteous, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Help us to succor the poor and needy. Help us to be abundant in every good word and work, and to spend and be spent for Christ. Pour out Thy Spirit, O God, upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Glory. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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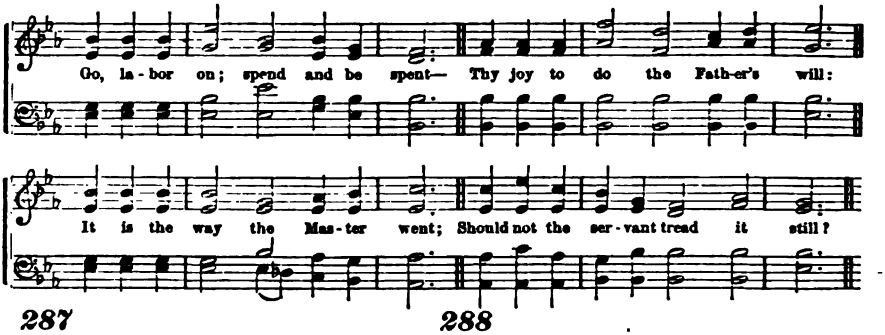

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GO, labor on; spend and be spent,—
Thy joy to do the Father's will:
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still?

2 Go, labor on; 'tis not for naught;
Thine earthly loss is heavenly gain;
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not:
The Master praises,—what are men?

3 Go, labor on; enough while here,
If He shall praise thee, if He deign
Thy willing heart to mark and cheer;
No toil for Him shall be in vain.

4 Toil on, and in thy toil rejoice;
For toil comes rest, for exile home;
Soon shalt thou hear the Bridegroom's voice,
The midnight peal: "Behold, I come!"

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WHEN sinners prosper, grieve not thou;
Nor eye their bloom with envious mien:
Like meadow flowers it soon shall bow,
And wither like th' autumnal green.

2 Trust in the Lord, and walk aright,
And in the land securely live;
Make His commands thy heart's delight
And He thy heart's desire shall give.

3 Commit to God thy cheerful way;
Trust, and thy work shall well be done;
Thy justice shall shine bright as day,
Thy truth as noontide's blazing sun.

4 In patient faith stand still and strong,
And wait the arm that rules the skies;
Nor let the sight of prosperous wrong
Wake thy sharp envy or surprise.

American Metrical Psalter.

LET not thine heart envy sinners; but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

2 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

3 Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked.

4 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

5 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

6 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

9 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? Would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his Spirit upon them.

10 When the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

11 Do ye think that the Scripture saith in vain, The Spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

12 Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

13 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

14 As for me, my feet were almost gone, my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

15 When Joseph's brethren saw that his father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. And his brethren envied him.

16 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus, which is called Christ?

17 For he knew, that for envy they had delivered him.

18 Ye are yet carnal: for, whereas there is among you envying and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Prayer.—Lesson CXLIV.

O THOU Omniscient God, our Father in Heaven, to whom all hearts are open, how much evil Thou seest in us!—take not from us Thy Holy Spirit; leave us not to ourselves.

We know that Thou, as a kind and loving Father, hast made us the objects of Thy peculiar care, and hast wisely chosen the circumstances of our life: and yet we often murmur at them. We would fain choose our own lot, and complain because Thou, who seest so much further than we can, and knowest so much better than we do, what will be for Thy glory and our good, hast chosen differently for us. Oh, help Thou us, loving Father, to keep down this rebellious spirit of discontent, and enable us always to rejoice, that Thou reignest and rulest in heaven and earth, and to accept every thing as coming from Thee, and under Thy wise and loving control, even when our most cherished purposes are crossed, and our fondest hopes are blasted.

Let us live each hour so close to Thee, and so mindful of Thy paternal love and promised care, that we may always feel that Thou personally, art ordering every event of our lives for our good and Thine own glory; and may this, Thy loving thoughtfulness for us, ever preserve us from being dissatisfied with thy allotments.

Grant also to us, a deep and abiding sense of the multitude of Thy tender mercies, so that our gratitude for our many blessings, shall make us ever joyful in Thee, and keep us from being discontented, even when Thou dost deem fit to withhold from us what we may most desire.

Above all, keep Thou us from envying those who seem more blessed than we. Help us always to rejoice in another's welfare, and to sympathize with another's joys. We confess in deep humility of soul, that we are prone to indulge in envious feelings. We acknowledge that envy is one of the besetting sins of our evil hearts; and we know that nothing but the blessed influences of the Holy Spirit, and the love of Christ in our hearts, can root it out. Even when we have struggled and prayed against it, and have hoped that by Thy grace it was eradicated, we find it still within us.

Oh, Holy Father! pity us, and give us more of Thy image.

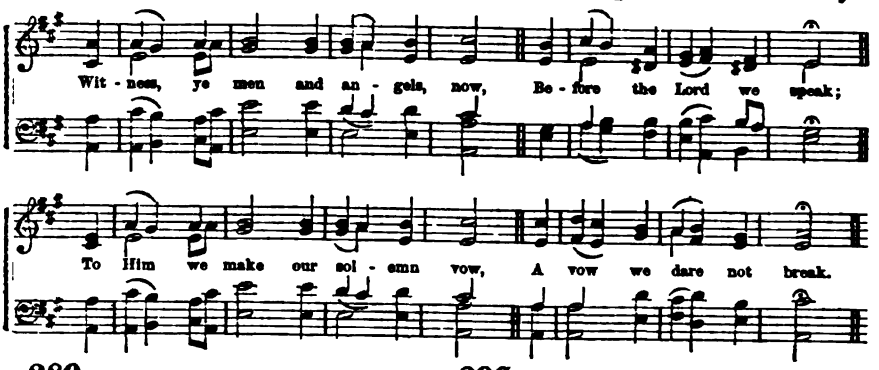
Oh, blessed Jesus! whose loving human heart, never felt this unkind feeling, impart to us Thy strength, and enable us to imbibe more of Thy Spirit, and to imitate Thy example.

Oh, Holy Spirit! grant Thy sacred influences, and bestow more fully on us the true spirit of adoption, that we may more fully rejoice in God as our loving Father, and in man as our brother beloved.

We ask it all for the sake of Jesus Christ, and in His name. Amen.

M. S. Hutton.

Obedience to every Command **ARMENIA. C. M.** *Required in Heart and Life.*



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WITNESS, ye men and angels now,
Before the Lord we speak;
To Him we make our solemn vow,
A vow we dare not break:—

2 That long as life itself shall last,
Ourselves to Christ we yield;
Nor from His cause will we depart,
Nor ever quit the field.

3 We trust not in our native strength,
But on His grace rely,
That, with returning wants, the Lord
Will all our need supply.

4 Lord, guide our doubtful feet aright,
And keep us in Thy ways;
And while we turn our vows to prayers,
Turn Thou our prayers to praise.

Beddome.

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THOU Lamb once slain! whose flaming eyes
Sparkle with dazzling light,
How can a sinner choose but bow,
And sink beneath Thy sight?

2 But I am Thine, my ransom paid—
The price, Thy precious blood;
And Thine and mine are made one heart,
O my Redeemer, God!

3 How did love seize me—that pure fire
That flamed within Thy breast,
When Thou, before Thy Father's throne,
Wert pleased to name me bless'd!

4 Let me to Thee, in all my wants,
Child-like, still closer fly,
In all my course regarding still
The guiding of Thine eye.

Moravian.

IF it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve, As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

2 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

3 This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt, therefore, keep and do them with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

4 I am the LORD your God: walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them.

5 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

6 Turn thou to thy God; keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

7 Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

8 As the LORD commanded Moses, his servant, so did Moses command Joshua; and so did Joshua: he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

9 The disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.

10 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

11 As many as are of the works of the law, are under the curse; for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

12 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity.

13 Be ye steadfast, unmoveable always abounding in the work of the Lord.

14 Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

15 Take good heed, therefore, unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.

16 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the LORD God. Repent and turn yourselves from all your transgressions, so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

17 Cast away from you all your transgressions; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Prayer.—Lesson CXLV.

O INFINITE and Eternal God, accept our grateful acknowledgments for the revelation of Thyself in Thy most holy commandments. The angels bless Thee, for Thou art love! The heavens declare Thy glory, for Thy love has garnished them. The whole earth is full of the tenderness, and fulness, and power of Thy love. The tidings of salvation come to us in melting tones of love. And Thy law, O blessed Lord, is a law of love. Thou requirest us to love Thee with all our soul, might, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

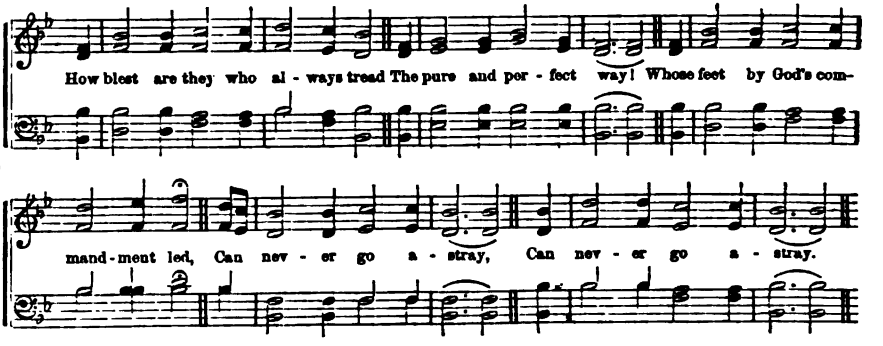
Thy commandments are not grievous. O imbue our souls with the Spirit of Thy law. Write upon our hearts Thy new best name of love, and we shall run in the way of Thy commandments. May we dwell in love, for then we shall dwell in Thee, and walk in the light as Thou art in the light. Then no idolatrous, or profane, or disloyal thought shall possess our souls.

Let Thy charity inspire every thought of our minds, every passion of our nature, every word upon our tongues, every act of our lives. From all lust and covetousness, from all untruth and malice, good Lord, deliver us. In all the relations of life may our inquiry be, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Touch our lips with a live coal from off Thine altar, that we may respond to every call Thou makest, regardless of the reproach, or suffering, or labor involved, "Here am I, Lord; send me." O make us, dear Lord, to obey Thee, not for selfish hope of heaven, nor slavish fear of hell, but because Thou art good, and Thy love inspires us.

And when we shall have accomplished Thy will upon earth, may we, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, be permitted to do Thy will in heaven forever. Amen.

Clinton B. Fisk.



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HOW blest are they who always tread
The pure and perfect way!
Whose feet, by God's commandment led,
Can never go astray!

2 How blest are they whose steadfast heart
Still seeks the living Lord,
Nor from His paths will e'er depart,
Nor choose the deed abhorred.

3 As Thou our souls hast charged and bound
Thy precepts to fulfil,
So, would that all my steps were found
Where points Thy holy will!

4 With holy joy my breast shall swell,
When none shall be forgot:
I love Thy blest commandments well:
O Lord, forsake me not.

American Metrical Psalter.

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HOW wondrous was the burning seal
Which filled the Master's breast,
When, all His sufferings full in view,
To Salem's tower He pressed!

2 Dear Lord! no tongue can duly tell
Thy love's prevailing might;
No thought can comprehend its length,
And breadth, and depth, and height!

3 Yet grant that we may follow Thee
Through all Thine hours of scorn:
And learn with Thee to watch and pray,
With Thee to weep and mourn.

4 And still, O blessed Jesus Christ!
The more Thy cross we see,
The more may each exclaim with joy,
The Saviour died for me!

Unknown.

AS many as have sinned without law, shall also perish without law; and as many as have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law.

2 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

3 For verily I say unto, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot, or one tittle, shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

4 Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sin;

5 And by him all that believe are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

6 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

7 Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law.

8 If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

9 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law, dishonorest thou God?

10 He is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

11 But he is a Jew which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit and not in the letter: whose praise is not of men, but of God.

12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

13 For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin.

14 Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law.

15 For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submittted themselves to the righteousness of God.

16 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

17 All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

18 Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now, if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

Prayer.—Lesson CXLVI.

GREAT and Almighty God! into Thy presence we would come, with the deepest reverence and humility, to engage in the solemnities of Thy worship. Thou art not only the Creator, but also the Ruler of the whole universe. No creature is too exalted or too insignificant to be beyond the reach of Thy control.

As Thou has made all things, animate and inanimate, "visible and invisible," so Thou dost preserve and govern them. From the beginning Thou hast ordained great and good laws for their government, which cannot be changed or disregarded by the creature, without the most terrible consequences. The universe moves on in harmony; the planets revolve; the seasons return—summer and winter, seed-time and harvest; day and night, all according to great and good laws. Yea, the mountains have arisen, and the seas keep their places by Thy command. The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea Thou dost control by great and wise laws.

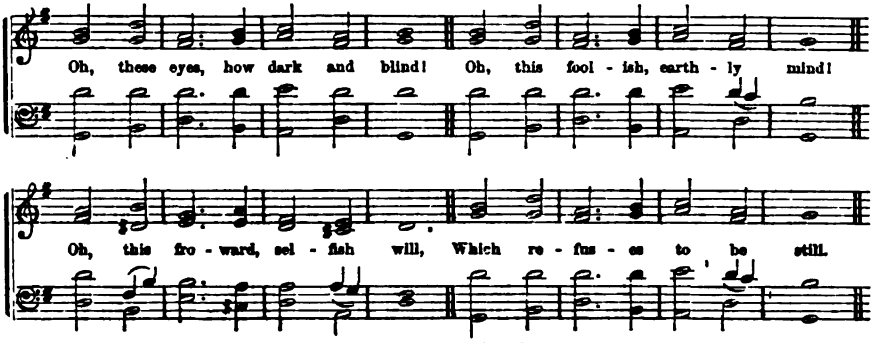
But, great God! Thou hast also established laws for the government of man, and all the creatures whom Thou hast endowed with mind—with the grand and noble powers of intellect. These are all to love Thee with the whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and each other as themselves, and in this consists their happiness. Love makes heaven,—its absence is hell. By Thy great law of LOVE, which comprehends all Thy moral laws, Thou wouldst bind, as with a golden chain, all Thine intelligent creatures in sweet harmony to Thy throne. But, alas! O Lord, we are fallen. "We have not the love of God within us," and cannot have until these vile hearts are renewed. We have broken this blessed law a thousand times, not only by word and deed, but much more in our hearts by unholy thoughts, feelings, motives, and desires, and hence our wretchedness and misery.

"Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness—according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions." For the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, give us true repentance for all our sins, and a saving faith in His atoning blood. "Create within us all clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us." So shall we be Thy children, and "have peace with Thee our God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Our lives are yet mainly before us; make us useful in our day and generation, and obedient subjects of Thy heavenly kingdom. Bless all our friends, and have mercy upon our enemies. May the world be filled with Thy knowledge and Thy glory, and all poor, afflicted, and oppressed persons be made the objects of Thy Fatherly care. Guide us through life, and finally accept and save us all for our blessed Redeemer's sake, to whom, with Thee, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever. Amen.

S. W. Harkey.

Man's Inability to Keep the **PLEYEL'S HYMN. 7s.** *Law by his own Strength.*



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OH, these eyes, how dark and blind!
Oh, this foolish, earthly mind!
Oh, this froward, selfish will,
Which refuses to be still!

2 Oh, these wayward feet of mine,
Found in every path but Thine!
Longings of the soul that go,
Like the wild wind, to and fro!

3 To and fro, without an aim,
Turning idly whence they came;
Bringing in no joy, no bliss,
Adding to my weariness.

4 Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Leave me not in sin to stay;
Bearer of the sinner's guilt,
Lead me, lead me, as Thou wilt!

Bonar.

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HEAL me Lord! my flesh is weak:
Heal me, for Thy grace I seek:
This the only plea I make,
Heal me for Thy mercy's sake.

2 Who, within the silent grave,
Shall proclaim Thy power to save?
Lord, my sinking soul reprieve;
Speak, and I shall rise and live.

3 All the day, I faint and moan;
All the black night weep alone;
While my couch with tears o'erflows
And mine eyes are dim with woes.

4 Men of wickedness, depart!
God has heard my bleeding heart!
Lo, He comes: He heeds my plea!
Lo, He comes; the shadows flee.

Lyte.

I KNOW it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

2 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

3 Enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

4 We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

5 Jesus spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others.

6 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other, a Publican.

7 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

8 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

9 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

10 I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

11 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father; there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

12 When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

13 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

14 Where is boasting, then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay, but by the law of faith.

15 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us.

16 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made.

17 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily, righteousness should have been by the law.

18 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our school-master to bring us unto Christ.

19 The good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not I do.

Prayer.—Lesson CXLVII.

ALMIGHTY and most gracious God, the fountain of love and goodness; Thou art the Author of our being, and to Thee we are accountable for the use we make of our moral and intellectual powers, as well as for the means we possess of rightly improving and employing them.

We bless Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself as a prayer-hearing God. And we beseech Thee to grant us now Thine aid that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Help us, as we now approach Thee, to dismiss from our minds the world and its corroding cares: and grant us Thy gracious assistance to enable us to use, for Thy glory, and for our own good, the privileges which Thy kind providence has here afforded us; and be pleased to accept our thanks for these and for all the innumerable blessings we enjoy.

We are sinful and needy creatures, O Lord, and by following the desires and devices of our hearts, have strayed away from Thee into paths of darkness, and sin, and death. O leave us not to perish therein; but aid us that we may now return to Thy fold: for without Thine aid we are not able to return, or to serve Thee as we should.

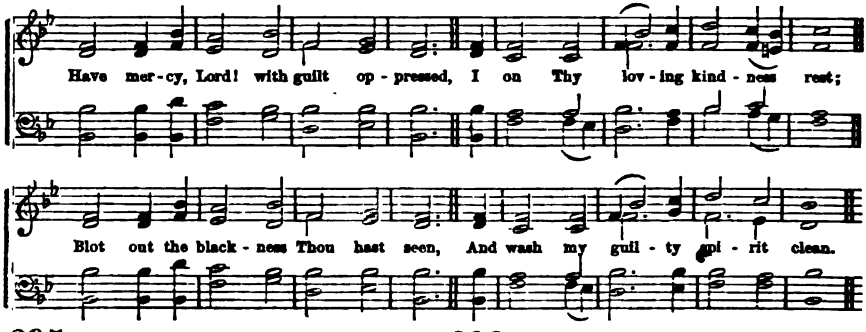
We are constantly prone to be influenced by that which is visible and temporal, rather than by the unseen and eternal; therefore, be pleased, O Lord, to put away from us all things that are hurtful, and grant to us those things which are truly profitable, and which tend to promote our edification and salvation.

Thou hast promised to grant Thy Holy Spirit to those who, feeling their need of Thy help, sincerely desire and ask it of Thee; and as Thou knowest our imperfections and our sins, and the disinclination of our hearts to make the promotion of Thy glory the great end and aim of our existence; O grant in mercy to us His enlightening and quickening influences, that we may be able to use aright our powers and our privileges, and so to consecrate ourselves entirely to Thee. Grant us true repentance for all our sins of heart and life, and enable us, by Thy grace, to make the most of our allotted season of probation, that when we are summoned to give account of the deeds done in the body, we may do it with joy and not with grief; but be able to look back upon our life as having been, through Thy assistance, spent in serious and earnest endeavors to do Thy will, and to benefit our fellow men.

Bless all for whom we should pray; and forgive us our sins and shortcomings, and the past misimprovement of our time, and of our opportunities of doing and receiving good, and enable us henceforth to walk in newness of life, and through the aid of Thy Good Spirit, to have fellowship with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

All of which we ask and offer in His dear name, and for His sake alone. Amen.

Robert W. Landis.



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HAVE mercy, Lord! with guilt oppressed,
I on Thy loving-kindness rest:
Blot out the blackness Thou hast seen,
And wash my guilty spirit clean.

2 Against Thee, Lord, my sins arise,
Aimed at Thy throne, beneath Thine eyes;
Thy righteous sentence, I revere:
I am condemned, but Thou art clear.

3 From sin I drew this seed of death;
In sin my mother gave me breath;
But spotless truth thou seek'st within,
And there, shalt cleanse the fount of sin.

4 Oh, let me hear Thy sovereign voice,
Till all my aching frame rejoice:
My deep transgressions cover o'er,
And blot them to appear no more.

American Metrical Psalter.

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WITH broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry;
Thy pardoning grace is rich and free:
O God, be merciful to me!

2 I smite upon my troubled breast,
With deep and conscious guilt oppressed;
Christ and His cross my only plea:
O God, be merciful to me!

3 Far off I stand with tearful eyes,
Nor dare uplift them to the skies;
But Thou dost all my anguish see:
O God, be merciful to me!

4 Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done,
Can for a single sin atone;
To Calvary alone I flee:
O God, be merciful to me!

Unknown.

CURSED be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them, and all the people shall say, Amen.

2 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day, that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee.

3 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Cursed shall be thy basket, and thy store.

5 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

6 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thy hand unto, for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

7 Say unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel: Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant.

8 As many as are of the works of the law, are under the curse; for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

9 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O LORD, who shall stand?

10 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise; for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin.

11 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

12 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

13 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

14 Because the law worketh wrath; for where no law is, there is no transgression.

15 When the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

16 Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing, or else excusing, one another.

17 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven, against all ungodliness, and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.

18 The wages of sin is death. Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Prayer.—Lesson CXLVIII.

O LORD! Thou art great, mighty and terrible; glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders. Even Thou art God alone; Thou hast made the heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host; the earth, and all things that are therein; and for Thy glory hast Thou made them.

Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with Thee. Thou lovest righteousness and hatest wickedness. Of purer eyes art Thou than to behold evil, and Thou canst not look on iniquity with the least degree of allowance. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive blessing, and honor, and glory, and power: for Thou art just and true in all Thy ways, and righteous in all Thy judgments.

O, our God! we are ashamed to raise our eyes in Thy presence, because we have sinned against Thee. Behold, we are vile, and what shall we answer Thee? We have transgressed Thy law, like Adam, and what shall we plead? We will lay our hand upon our mouth, and put our mouth in the dust, crying, Unclean, unclean in Thy sight. We acknowledge that Thou art clear when thou judgest, and doth refuse to bless the guilty; for Thou madest man upright, but we have sought out many inventions; Thou didst create us in honor, but we abode not; Thou formed us in Thine own image, but we defaced it; Thou madest us a little lower than the angels, but we became like beasts that perish.

O God, our Judge! we would not justify ourselves; for should we do so in our hearts, our own mouths would condemn us. When we remember that Thou art to be feared, that Thou art a consuming fire, and that none can stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry; when we consider the hardness of our hearts, the darkness of our minds, the perverseness of our wills, and the deadness of our affections, we feel that our way hath been our folly, that it hath justly separated us from Thee, and that the end thereof should be death. We confess that we are guilty before Thee, O God, and that Thou mightest justly swear in Thy wrath, that we should never enter into Thy rest. Shouldst Thou set us naked and bare, and take from us the corn in its season, and put in our hands the cup of trembling, yet wouldst Thou be just; for Thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly. O Lord, whatever Thou mayest send upon us we will accept, humbling ourselves under Thy mighty hand, and saying, The Lord is righteous.

Almighty God, while we complain not that we are obnoxious to Thy wrath, yet would we hope in Thy mercy; for Thou hast said, and hast confirmed it with an oath, that Thou hast no pleasure in the death of sinners, but rather that they would turn and live. We bless Thy name that Thou hast given Thy Son to die for us, that Thou hast laid help on One who is mighty to save: so that through His work Thou canst be just, and yet justify the ungodly. O Lord, show us Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation.

O God, our Saviour! our iniquities are too heavy for us; but weary under this burden, we come to Christ, that we may receive grace to help in this, the time of need. We smite this day upon our breasts, and implore Thee to be merciful to us sinners. O wash us thoroughly from our iniquity; purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Blot out as a cloud our transgressions, and as a thick cloud, our sins; be Thou merciful to our unrighteousness, and remember it no more.

Let us have, we beseech Thee, redemption through Christ's blood, forgiveness of sins, and rejoicing in hope of Thy glory. Grant that our lives may be hid with Christ in Thee, that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we may also appear with Him in glory. O, guide us by Thy counsel, and afterwards receive us into Thy kingdom, where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest.

Now speak, Lord, for Thy servants hear. Wilt Thou not grant us the things we have requested of Thee? Yea, wilt Thou not do for us exceeding abundantly above what we are able to ask or think, supplying all our needs according to Thy riches in glory by Christ Jesus? And we will ascribe blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.

G. C. Lorimer.

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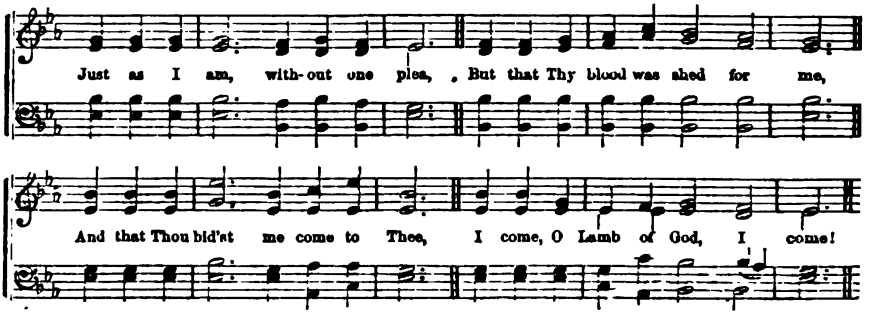

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JUST as I am—without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am—and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am—though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without—
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind:
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe—
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am—Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, *Thine alone*,
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

7 Just as I am—of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above—
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

Miss Elliott.

DOXOLOGY.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To God whom earth and heaven adore,
Be glory as it was of old,
Is now, and shall be evermore.

WHAT must I do to be saved?
2 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house.
3 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
4 Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.
5 Go ye and learn what that meaneth: I will have mercy and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
6 Testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.
7 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death.
8 For, behold, this self-same thing that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.
9 I say unto you, That likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance.
10 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.
11 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.
12 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.
13 And ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
14 Whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.
15 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
16 For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
17 Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.
18 If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

Prayer.—Lesson CXLIX.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who alone canst save, forgiving the sins of those who repent and believe, we confess before Thee our great wickedness, for which we are justly liable to Thine indignation and wrath, and acknowledge that by the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee.

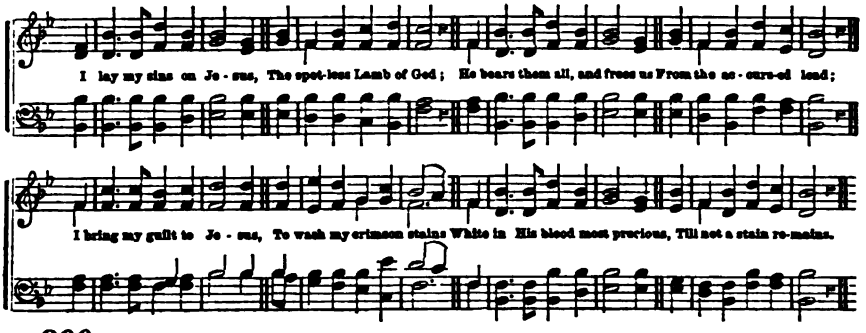
Grant us, we beseech Thee, the help of Thy grace, that we may heartily repent and turn to Thy dear Son, who died to redeem us. For His sake, O God, have mercy upon us. Punish us not as we deserve. Drive us not far from Thee in our sins; but awaken in us that godly sorrow which worketh repentance to salvation; that we may keep Thy commandments, and ever hereafter please Thee, both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thou art, O God, our only refuge and strength, our only hope and salvation. Thou didst so love the world as to give Thine only begotten Son, that believing on Him, we might not perish, but have everlasting life. Thou hast commanded us to seek Thee, and hast promised that we shall find Thee. Aid us, therefore, O Heavenly Father, to turn from the darkness of this world, that putting away our wickedness and blindness, we may behold Thy light, and rejoice in Thy salvation, through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, who hath conquered death, and opened for us the gates of everlasting life. May we escape that awful condemnation which awaits the ungodly, and obtain of Thee perfect remission and forgiveness, so that in all things we may obey Thy blessed will, and at last enter into the joys of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Just as we are, and wretched sinners in Thy sight, and condemned by Thy holy law, we come to Thee. O Father of mercy, and God of all compassion, suffer us not to perish in the works of darkness. Let the blood of Jesus cleanse, and wash away our sins; and may no negligence, or weakness of the flesh, or temptation of the devil, drive us from our confidence in the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

So conduct us, O God of our salvation, that Thy name may be glorified in us in this present life, and that afterward we may obtain everlasting life, through the mercy and the merits of His passion, who died for us, and who reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

E. E. Higbee.



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I LAY my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all, and frees us
From the accursed load:
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious,
Till not a stain remains.

2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fulness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases,
He doth my soul redeem:
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases,
He all my sorrow shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces,
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes,
His name abroad is poured.

4 I long to be like Jesus,
Meek, loving, lowly, mild:
I long to be like Jesus,
The Father's holy child;
I long to be with Jesus
Amid the heavenly throng,
To sing with saints His praises,
To learn the angel's song.

Bonar.

JESUS answering, saith unto them, Have faith in God.

2 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is passed from death unto life.

3 By grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

4 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

5 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

6 Through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen, were not made of things which do appear.

7 Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

8 What shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

9 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

10 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword; out of weakness were made strong; waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

11 Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection.

12 And others had trial of cruel mockings, and scourgings; yea, moreover, of bonds and imprisonment:

13 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheep-skins and goat-skins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

14 Of whom the world was not worthy; they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens, and caves of the earth.

15 These all having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise.

16 Wherefore, seeing we also are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

17 Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

18 Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God.

19 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith even the salvation of your souls.

Prayer.—Lesson CL.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven! Thou art our Creator, our Preserver, and kind Benefactor; in Thee we live, and from Thee comes every good and perfect gift. We are weak and sinful. We can do nothing good without Thine aid. Our trust is in Thee alone. We come to Thee, believing that Thou art able to bless us. We know that Thou hast all good in Thine hand, and that Thou art willing to give us every thing we need.

We pray Thee to forgive our sins; to wash our souls in the blood of Jesus, that we may be clean. Breathe into our hearts of Thine Holy Spirit, that it may constantly abide with us. Increase our faith. Help us to study Thy word, to understand its teachings, and to believe in its promises. Draw us nearer and nearer to Thee, and form us more and more into Thine own likeness. Sanctify us wholly to Thyself.

Enable us to lay all our burdens and cares on Jesus; to go to Him with all our wants. We have no merit of our own in which we can trust. Lead us to trust entirely in the blood of Jesus, and to rest our souls on Him as our Saviour and Friend.

We pray Thee, our heavenly Father, to keep us from temptation, and to be with us in trial. Let us not depend on our own strength, but on Thine aid and support. Make us humble, watchful and prayerful. Remove from us all envy and jealousy, and every thing which hinders our growth in love, and truth, and goodness.

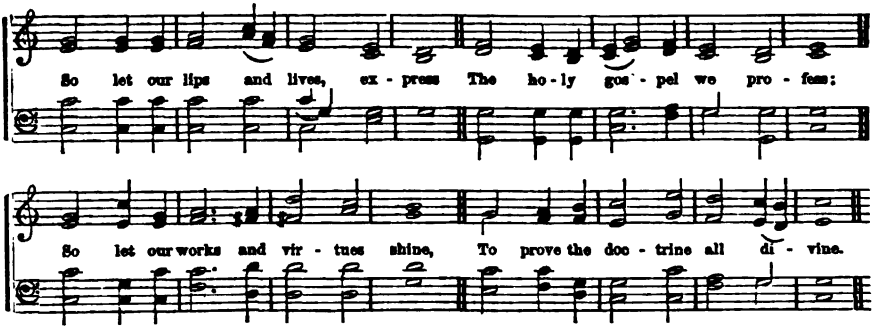
Show us how we may best improve our time. Grant us Thine aid in all our studies. Enable us rightly to estimate the value of education. Help us to "take fast hold of instruction;" lead us to search diligently for truth, and to prize it as choice treasures. Give us that wisdom which is "better than rubies." Make us to "understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." Prepare us for usefulness. Let all our talents and attainments be consecrated to Christ. Show us the path of duty, and so direct our thoughts and plans that we shall desire to go where Thou leadest, and do Thy will in all things.

We pray Thee to bless all institutions of learning. May they become nurseries of piety and fountains of truth. Especially do we pray that Thy blessing may ever rest upon this institution, and upon all connected with it.

Bless our country. May peace be within her borders. May her rulers be righteous men, who shall ever have the fear of God before their eyes.

And now, O blessed Saviour, come Thou and fill our souls with Thy presence. Let our faith in Thee be constant and strong. Let us know more of Thine infinite love and goodness, that we may love Thee more and serve Thee better. Unite us all so closely to Thyself, that we may exemplify Thy spirit in our daily lives. May we ever live with the remembrance that our time on earth is short, and that we must give an account for all our privileges here. And at last may we all be received into Thy kingdom, to praise Thee forever and ever. Amen.

David. N. Camp.



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SO let our lips and lives, express
The holy gospel we profess;
So let our works and virtues shine,
To prove the doctrine all divine.

2 Thus shall we best proclaim abroad
The honors of our Saviour God;
When His salvation reigns within,
And grace subdues the power of sin.

3 Our flesh and sense must be denied,
Passion and envy, lust and pride;
Whilst justice, temperance, truth, and love,
Our inward piety approve.

4 Religion bears our spirits up,
While we expect that blessed hope,
The bright appearance of the Lord,—
And faith stands leaning on His word.

Watts.

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JESUS, our best-beloved Friend,
Draw out our souls in pure desire;
Jesus, in love to us descend,
Baptize us with Thy Spirit's fire.

2 Our souls and bodies we resign,
To fear and follow Thy commands;
O take our hearts—our hearts are Thine,
Accept the service of our hands.

3 Firm, faithful, watching unto prayer,
May we Thy blessed will obey;
Toil in Thy vineyard here, and bear
The heat and burden of the day.

4 Yet, Lord, for us a resting-place,
In heaven, at Thy right hand, prepare:
And till we see Thee face to face,
Be all our conversation there.

Montgomery.

JESUS answered, and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God and do it.

2 Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

3 And it shall be our righteousness if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

4 Thou, O man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

5 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

6 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy:

7 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, be ready to distribute, willing to communicate.

8 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work.

9 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

10 I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

11 According as he hath chosen us in him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

12 I press toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

13 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

14 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

15 Furthermore, then, we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

16 Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. Without me ye can do nothing.

17 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Prayer.—Lesson CLI.

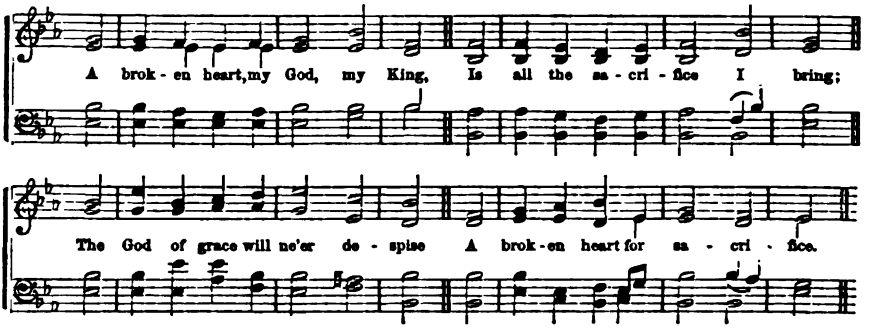
OUR FATHER, who art in heaven! we render thanks to Thee that, through Thy boundless grace, Thou hast made us capable of accomplishing great good. We thank Thee for any disposition Thou hast given us to bless and benefit our fellow-creatures. So, also, we thank Thee for the means of various kinds which Thou hast placed in our hands for doing good to such as need our help. We thank Thee that the constant teaching of our holy religion is that we do good of every possible sort, and as far as possible, to all men. And we thank Thee for the assurance that to do all possible good to others is a sure and direct means of promoting our own best happiness; and that our Saviour, Christ, hath taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive,—leaving us herein His own heavenly example,—who went about doing good. We thank Thee for the sublime and delightful certainty that true benevolence to others is highly acceptable to God, who, while He has enjoined upon us to do good and to communicate, has also assured us that with such sacrifices He is well pleased. We also thank Thee that our blessed Lord and Saviour hath pledged Himself that He will recognize all the good performed for His poor, as done to Himself, and that the reward of a virtuous and benevolent life shall be great in heaven.

And now, our heavenly Father, in the spirit of these and of all other holy influences, may we have grace to make the doing of good our life-work, and our pleasure and portion under the sun. May we diligently pursue study with this great purpose fully and always in view. We beseech Thee to baptize us by Thy Holy Spirit for this heavenly mission. Wilt Thou always beget within us ardent and irrepressible desires to bless all with whom we have any intercourse, and to do good to all our brethren of the human family. Wilt Thou open up our way, and multiply for us various avenues to usefulness, and aid us to walk there without faltering or weariness. Help us never, for a single hour, to forget that there is a world of good to be accomplished—that thousands, who are bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh, are suffering for lack of our help, and millions are living and dying without the light of that blessed gospel which shines upon us, and which we are commanded to aid in sending abroad into all lands.

And that we may attain all possible capacity and means of doing good, may we always have grace to put far from us all idleness and improvidence, all vanity and pride, all extravagance and waste, all intemperance in meats and drinks, and ever and always consider the various gifts of Thy providence as committed to us to use, as good stewards, for the highest benefit of others as well as ourselves.

Hear us, good Lord, in these our humble and devout thanksgivings and supplications, and grant us these and all other needed mercies, for the sake of Him who has taught us, when we pray, to say:

"Our Father," &c. *Charles Adams.*



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A BROKEN heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring;
The God of grace will ne'er despise
A broken heart for sacrifice.

2 My soul lies humbled in the dust,
And owns Thy dreadful sentence just;
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,
And save the soul condemned to die.

2 Then will I teach the world Thy ways;
Sinners shall learn Thy sovereign grace:
I'll lead them to my Saviour's blood,
And they shall praise a pardoning God.

4 Oh, may Thy love inspire my tongue!
Salvation shall be all my song;
And all my powers shall join to bless
The Lord, my Strength and Righteousness.

Watts.

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HAVE mercy on me, O my God!
In loving-kindness hear my prayer;
Withdraw the terror of Thy rod;
Lord, in Thy tender mercy, spare.

2 Offences rise where'er I look,
But I confess their guilt to Thee:
Blot my transgressions from Thy book;
Wash me from all iniquity.

3 Not streaming blood nor cleansing fire
Thy seeming anger can appease;
Burnt off'rings Thou dost not require,
Or gladly I would render these.

4 The broken heart in sacrifice,
Alone, will Thine acceptance meet:
My heart, O God, do not despise,
Abased and contrite at Thy feet.

Unknown.

AND they went out and preached that men should repent.

2 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

3 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

4 Wherefore, O King, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities, by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

5 Therefore, also now, saith the LORD, Turn ye even to me, with all your heart and with fasting, and with weeping and with mourning.

6 Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned.

7 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

8 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

9 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities, and for your abominations.

10 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

11 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

12 And said, Verily, I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

13 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell; for if the mighty works which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

14 When they heard these things they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

15 Barnabas and Paul cried out, saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities, unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein.

16 I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

17 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer.—Lesson CLII.

O GOD, Thou art our Father, and we come into Thy presence with deep self-abasement, because we have slighted the most tender regards, and the most endearing relations. Thou hast manifested toward us the touching kindness of a Father, but we have rebelled against Thy authority, and refused to be called Thy children. A broken heart does indeed become us, for we have sinned against Thee, the Holy One.

Prostrate before Thee we lie, and beseech Thee to raise us up. We are sinners without excuse, and from ourselves there can arise no claim upon Thy mercy. Justice cries aloud to smite the transgressor. All hope is lost. O God, we perish at Thy rebuke. Thy waves have gone clean over us, and we sink in the mighty waters. O God, can the repenting sinner find mercy? Wilt Thou not, for Christ's sake, turn away Thine anger from us? Thanks be to Thy name, we hear the glad sound, "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Incline us to come. Take away our unbelief, our insensibility to the amazing love manifested in Christ, our Saviour, who, while we were yet enemies, died for us. Enable us to accept of His obedience and sufferings in our stead, that we may be reconciled to Thee.

May we rest our all upon His merits. Through faith in His atoning blood, may our hearts be cleansed. May the Spirit take from us all that is evil, and work within us all that is good; and so change our natures that we may sincerely turn from all our evil ways. So enlighten our understandings and consciences, that in the holiness of Thy character we may see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and truly repent before Thee.

And now, O God, in tears and deep penitence we bow low before Thee, and earnestly cry, Have mercy, O Lord! have mercy on us, miserable sinners! Thou hast promised mercy to those who seek it through Christ:—"He that seeketh, findeth; and to Him that knocketh, it shall be opened." We do seek it in faith, believing in Christ as Thy Son, our Mediator, God over all, blessed for evermore.

And now, our Father, assure us that we are forgiven; lift upon us the light of Thy reconciled countenance; fill our hearts with Thy love, and our mouth with Thy praises. We will speak of Thy loving-kindness all the day, for Thou hast made us glad with Thy salvation.

Without reserve, with filial confidence, we commit our ways to Thee, the dearest interests of ourselves, our friends and our companions.

In every footstep in life, in the weakness and terrors of the dying hour, we beseech Thee, to comfort us with Thy presence, and then take us to Thy rest in glory.

In faith and penitence, we ask it all for Christ's sake. Amen.

O. N. Stoddard.

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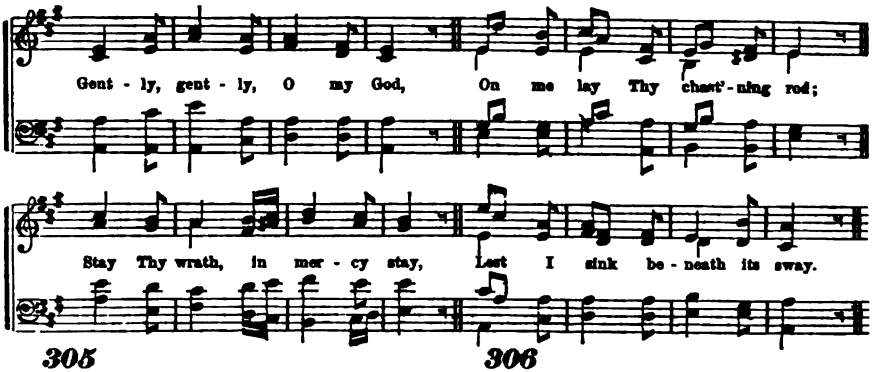

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GENTLY, gently, O my God,
On me lay Thy chastening rod!
Stay Thy wrath, in mercy stay,
Lest I sink beneath its sway.

2 Heal me, Lord, my flesh is weak:
Heal me, for Thy grace I seek:
This the only plea I make,
Heal me for Thy mercy's sake.

3 Who within the silent grave,
Shall proclaim Thy power to save?
Lord, my sinking soul reprieve;
Speak, and I shall rise and live.

4 All the day I faint and moan;
All the black night weep alone:
While my couch with tears o'erflows,
And mine eyes are dim with woes.

Henry F. Lyte.

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GOD of mercy! God of love!
Hear our sad, repentant song:
Sorrow dwells on every face,
Penitence on every tongue.

2 Deep regret for follies past,
Talents wasted, time misspent;
Hearts debased by worldly cares,
Thankless for the blessings lent;

3 Foolish fears and fond desires,
Vain regrets for things as vain;
Lips too seldom taught to praise,
Oft to murmur and complain.

4 These, and every secret fault,
Filled with grief, and shame, we own:
Humbled at Thy feet we lie,
Seeking pardon from Thy throne.

I. Taylor.

THUS saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways, and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

2 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, are these. For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, then will I cause you to dwell in this place.

3 Repent, therefore, of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if, perhaps, the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

4 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

5 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God. They ask of me the ordinances of justice: they take delight in approaching to God.

6 Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? Wherefore, have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labors.

7 Behold, ye fast for strife, and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

8 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush? and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

9 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

10 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him? and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

11 Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions, so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

12 To this man will I look, even to him that is poor, and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word, saith the LORD.

13 When he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, and also in Judah things went well.

14 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, and he went out and wept bitterly.

15 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart.

16 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance; for ye were made sorry after a godly manner.

Prayer.—Lesson CLIII.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, we come before Thee as sinners, utterly unworthy to approach Thee. We have sinned and done wickedly. We have left undone the things we ought to have done, and have done those things we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? We are sinners by nature, as well as by practice. We were all shapen in iniquity, and conceived in sin. In us dwells no good thing. We would feel our true condition; that without Thee, we cannot be happy. Without Thee we are lost. Cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

We come before Thee in the name of Him whom Thou didst send into the world to save sinners,—who died, the Just for the unjust, to bring us to Thee,—who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification. Thou hast told us in Thy Holy Word that, if any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the righteous, who is the propitiation for our sins. We know that as He was offered once for all, so now He ever liveth to make intercession for us. In His name we come, just as we are, and casting ourselves wholly on Thy infinite mercy, as displayed in Thy unspeakable Gift, we seek for pardon.

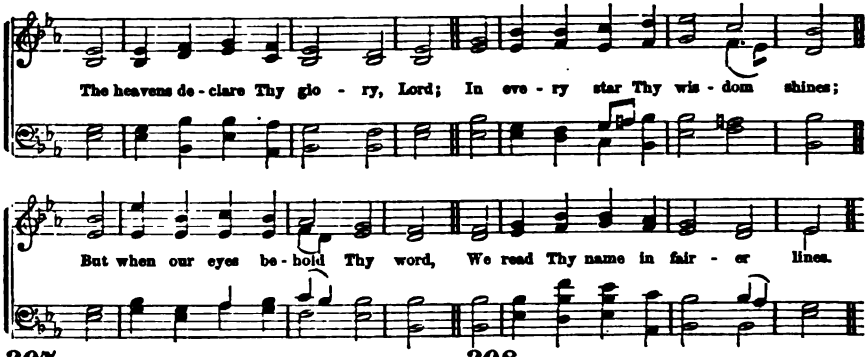
Father, we have sinned against Heaven, and in Thy sight, and are not worthy to be called Thy children; but Christ, our elder Brother, our atoning Sacrifice, our Mediator, is infinitely worthy. He is able to save to the uttermost all that come to Thee through Him. May His all-precious blood, which cleanseth from all sin, be applied to our hearts and consciences, removing every stain of guilt. May the robe of His spotless righteousness hide all our defects. May our repentance be deep, thorough and sincere.

Search us, and prove us, and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. This day, let the words of our mouth, and the meditations of our heart, be acceptable in Thy sight! May our bodies be offered up a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in Thy service. May our whole body, soul and spirit, be sanctified. May Thy Spirit take possession of us, and subdue all our corruption. Knowing our frailty, may we ever be sober and watch unto prayer.

Thus, doing our duty in the state of life in which Thou hast placed us, with hearts full of love, and humility, and faith, and hope, and purity, repenting and praying unceasingly, we shall love Thy appearing. To live will be Christ, and death will be gain.

We ask these blessings for ourselves, and all for whom we should pray, only in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Mason Gallagher.



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THE heavens declare Thy glory, Lord;
In every star Thy wisdom shines;
But when our eyes behold Thy word,
We read Thy name in fairer lines.

2 The rolling sun, the changing light,
And night and day, Thy power confess;
But the blest volume Thou hast writ,
Reveals Thy justice and Thy grace.

3 Great Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Bless the dark world with heavenly light:
Thy gospel makes the simple wise,
Thy laws are pure, Thy judgments right.

4 Thy noblest wonders here we view
In souls renewed, and sins forgiven;
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew,
And make Thy word my guide to heaven.

Watts.

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PRAISE, everlasting praise, be paid
To Him who earth's foundation laid;
Praise to the God whose strong decrees
Sway the creation as He please.

2 Firm are the words His prophets give,
Sweet words on which His children live;
Each of them is the voice of God,
Who spoke and spread the skies abroad.

3 Oh for a strong, a lasting faith,
To credit what the Almighty saith;
To embrace the message of His Son,
And call the joys of heaven our own.

4 Then, should the earth's old pillars shake,
And all the wheels of nature break,
Our steady souls shall fear no more
Than solid rocks when billows roar.

Watts.

AND Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said, will we do.

2 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD.

3 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people; and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

4 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God, that ye may live.

5 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God; but those things which are revealed, belong unto us, and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

6 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

7 Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you.

8 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

9 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

10 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

11 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

12 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

14 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

15 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, ye might have life through his name.

16 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Prayer.—Lesson CLIV.

O THOU Eternal and Infinite God! All things are open to Thine all-seeing, all-penetrating eye. We may dissemble, we may assume the smiles of innocence, and deceive our fellow creatures; we may even deceive ourselves. But Thine eye beholds, and Thine eye-lids try the children of men; Thou discernest the most secret recesses of the heart. God cannot be deceived, and will not be mocked.

We are all sinners before Thee, and justly condemned by Thy pure and holy law. Nor have we any hope, but that which rests upon that great Sacrifice, the Just in the place of the unjust.

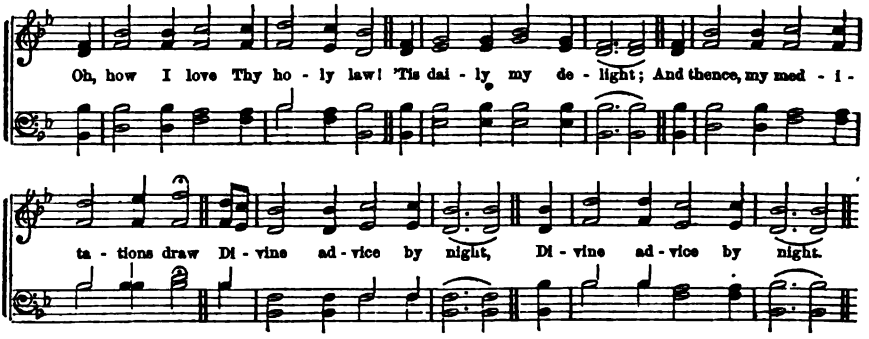
We bless Thee for all those means of grace and salvation which we daily enjoy, and especially for Thy precious Word. O may it be a light to our feet, and a lamp to our path. Let not the spirit and maxims of the world, nor the false wisdom of the world guide us. Our Father, be Thou the Guide of our youth. We cast ourselves down before Thee, and would not let Thee go without Thy blessing.

Look down from heaven upon us, we beseech Thee, and open our eyes, that we may behold wonderful things out of Thy law; enlarge our hearts, that we may run in the way of Thy commandments; and open Thou our lips, that our mouth may show forth Thy praise.

Send Thy Holy Spirit from above to write Thy law upon our hearts, and to take of the things that are Christ's, and show them unto us; that, under His unerring guidance, we may know Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

May we never be left to reject His gospel, or make light of Him who came to seek and to save that which is lost; but, from this good hour, feel our need of Him; see that He is the Saviour we need, that He is able to save to the uttermost, and rest all our hopes upon Him for this life and that which is to come. All we ask in His name, for His sake. Amen.

Gardiner Spring.



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OH, how I love Thy holy law!
'Tis daily my delight;
And thence my meditations draw
Divine advice by night.

2 My waking eyes prevent the day
To meditate Thy word;
My soul with longing melts away
To hear Thy gospel, Lord.

3 How doth Thy word my heart engage!
How well employ my tongue!
And in my tiresome pilgrimage
Yields me a heavenly song.

4 When nature sinks, and spirits droop,
Thy promises of grace
Are pillars to support my hope,
And there I write Thy praise.

Watts.

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HOW shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy Word the choicest rules imparts,
To keep the conscience clean.

2 'Tis, like the sun, a heavenly light,
That guides us all the day;
And, through the dangers of the night,
A lamp to lead our way.

3 Thy precepts make me truly wise:
I hate the sinner's road;
I hate my own vain thoughts that rise,
But love Thy law, my God.

4 Thy word is everlasting truth,
How pure is every page!
Thy holy book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.

Watts.

PRECEPT must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.

2 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

3 Unless thy law had been my delights; I should then have perished in mine affliction.

4 I will never forget thy precepts; for with them thou hast quickened me.

5 Whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

6 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

7 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

8 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments which I have loved, and I will meditate in thy statutes.

9 Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word. O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

10 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before, by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

11 The Bereans were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.

13 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand.

14 Behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch, of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,

15 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot, read Esaias, the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

16 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

17 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? and he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

18 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired, and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you.

Prayer.—Lesson CLV.

GREAT and glorious God! the King of kings, and Lord of lords! there is no God like unto Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders! We adore Thy greatness and power, Thy wisdom and goodness, and humbly bowing at Thy footstool, would render the homage and service which are due Thee from Thy creatures.

We acknowledge our unworthiness, we confess our guilt. We have abused Thy gifts and disregarded the admonitions and instructions of Thy word. We have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight, and are no more worthy to be called Thy children. There is no help in ourselves: our only hope is in Thee. Cast us not from Thy presence, nor take Thy Holy Spirit from us. Hide Thy face from our sins, and blot out our transgressions.

If Thou wert not the God of grace, and the Father of mercies, long since we should have been called to immediate account for the misimprovement of our privileges, and, condemned as unprofitable servants, we should have been banished eternally from Thy presence.

What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits to us? Every day will we bless Thee, and praise Thy name forever and ever! With Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light.

We thank Thee for the fatherly care Thou hast exercised over us, for the bounties of Thy providence, and the riches of Thy grace. We thank Thee for the position which we occupy, so favorable to our intellectual and moral culture, for the revelation of Thy gracious will, for the sacrifice of Thy Son, the communications of the Holy Spirit, the means of grace, and the hope of glory.

May we properly appreciate Thy goodness, and faithfully improve our advantages. Teach us Thy way, O Lord! May we diligently search the Scriptures, study their holy precepts, cherish their heavenly hopes, and seek to experience in our hearts, and exemplify in our lives, their purifying and saving influence.

May Thy Holy Spirit dwell in our hearts, enlighten our minds, and assist us in the faithful discharge of all our duties. Bless our labors, and may we more and more realize our dependence upon Thee. Make us wise, earnest, and successful in our work.

Inspire us with courage, patience, and zeal. May we be impressed with the value of the immortal soul, and seek and improve opportunities for doing good and promoting the glory of God.

Conduct us in safety through the difficult and dangerous paths of life, and when the work of life is over, its mission accomplished, and the earthly house of this tabernacle, which we now inhabit, is dissolved, may we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. And to Thy great name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall be ascribed all the praise. Amen.

M. L. Stoever.

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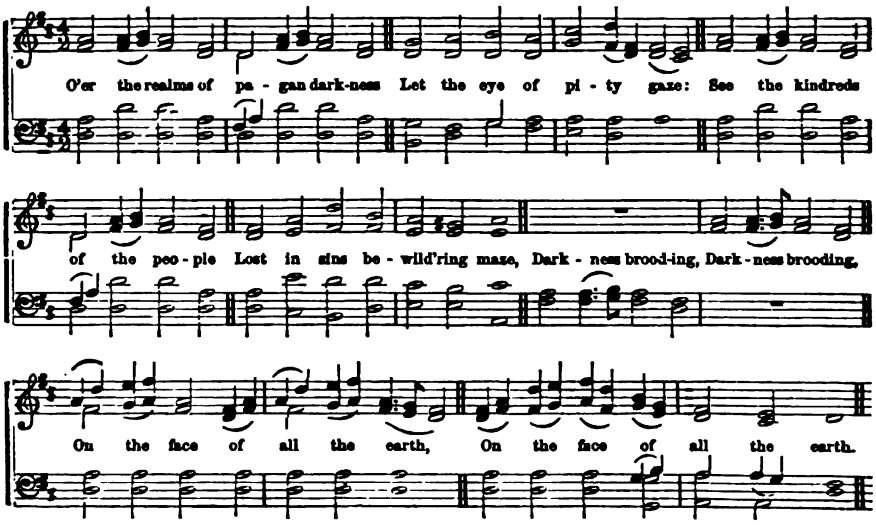

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O'ER the realms of Pagan darkness
Let the eye of pity gaze:
See the kindreds of the people
Lost in sin's bewildering maze;
Darkness brooding
On the face of all the earth.

2 Light of them who sit in darkness!
Rise and shine, Thy blessings bring;
Light, to lighten all the Gentiles!
Rise with healing on Thy wing.
To Thy brightness
Let all kings and nations come.

3 May the heathen, now adoring
Idol-gods of wood and stone,
Come, and, worshipping before Him,
Serve the living God alone.
Let Thy glory
Fill the earth, as floods the sea.

4 Thou! to whom all power is given,
Speak the word! at Thy command,
Let the company of preachers
Spread Thy name from land to land.
Lord! be with them
Always, to the end of time.

Cotterill.

IT seemed good to me, also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

2 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

3 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater;

4 So shall my word be, that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

5 I heard a voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and what thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia.

6 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

7 Thou shalt write these words which I command thee upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster; and thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law.

8 And Joshua wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

9 The LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

10 Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.

11 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

12 He read therein before the street, from the morning until mid-day: also day by day from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God.

13 His name shall endure forever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

Prayer.—Lesson CLVI.

HOLY FATHER, we bless Thee, that Thou didst so love the world that Thou didst give Thy only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We thank Thee that Jesus Christ, Thy Son, appeared in our nature; took upon Him our sins; died in our stead, and rose again for our justification; and, that Thou didst appoint faithful men, who were witnesses, and had perfect understanding of these things, to write them, that we might "Know the certainty of these things," and "might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and, that believing, we might have life through His name."

We thank Thee for Thy Word—the revelation of Thy love in Christ Jesus; for Thy Holy Spirit to accompany it, and make it prosper in the thing whereto Thou hast sent it; for the Church which is the pillar and ground of the truth; for Thy ministering servants whom Thou hast appointed to preach it to every creature, and for the assurance that all ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

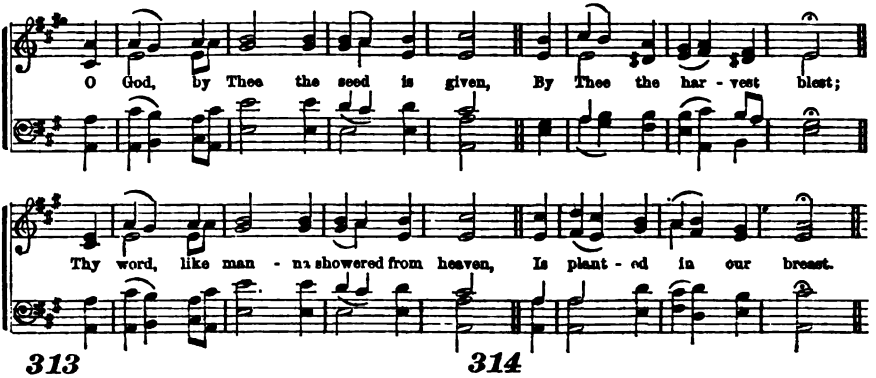
Grant, O Merciful Father, that we, having heard the gospel with our ears, may receive it into our hearts. May we believe Thy testimony, that the blood of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, cleanseth *us* from all sin. May we be filled with peace and joy in believing. May we know much of the sweetness of pardon, and the preciousness of Thy love, and may it be our delightful employment to lead others to the enjoyment of these blessings. May we ever feel that we are not our own—that we are bought with a price—that we are the servants of Christ; and, that we should not live unto ourselves, but unto Him that died for us and rose again.

Bless, with us, all Thy people. Help us to regard ourselves and our possessions as Thine, and to pray and labor for the advancement of Thy glory in the salvation of sinners. Grant us every grace needed to qualify us for the work of making known the preciousness of the name of Jesus. "God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known upon earth, and Thy saving health among all nations."

Bless Thy Word, where it is, and send it where it is not. Raise up, and qualify many faithful servants of Christ who shall go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. May the time soon come when "All nations shall serve" the Redeemer, and "All nations shall call Him blessed."

Grant these petitions, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

David Herron.



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O GOD, by Thee the seed is given,
By Thee the harvest blest;
Thy word, like manna showered from heaven,
Is planted in our breast.

2 Preserve it from the passing feet,
And plunderers of the air;
The sultry sun's intenser heat,
And weeds of worldly care.

3 Though buried deep, or thinly strewn,
Do Thou Thy grace supply,
The hope in earthly furrows sown,
Shall ripen in the sky.

4 Lord, let me love my Bible more,
And take a fresh delight,
By day to read these wonders o'er,
And meditate by night.

Heber.

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BREAD of our souls, whereon we feed,
True Manna from on high!
Our Guide and Chart! wherein we read
Of realms beyond the sky.

2 Pillar of fire through watches dark,
And radiant Cloud by day.
When waves would whelm our tossing bark,
Our Anchor and our Stay.

3 Word of the everlasting God!
Will of His glorious Son!
Without Thee how could earth be trod,
Or heaven itself be won?

4 Lord! grant us all aright to learn
The wisdom it imparts,
And to its heavenly teaching turn
With simple, childlike hearts.

Unknown.

WHY call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

2 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like:

3 He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it; for it was founded upon a rock.

4 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built a house upon the earth: against which the stream did beat vehemently; and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

5 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:

6 A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell by the way-side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it:

7 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

8 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

9 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit a hundred fold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

11 Those by the wayside are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

12 They on the rock are they which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for awhile believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

13 And that which fell among thorns are they which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares, and riches, and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

14 But that on the good ground are they which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

15 The word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

16 A certain man had a fig-tree, planted in his vineyard: and he came and sought fruit thereon and found none.

17 Then said he unto the dresser of the vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

18 Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Prayer.—Lesson CLVII.

"BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ."

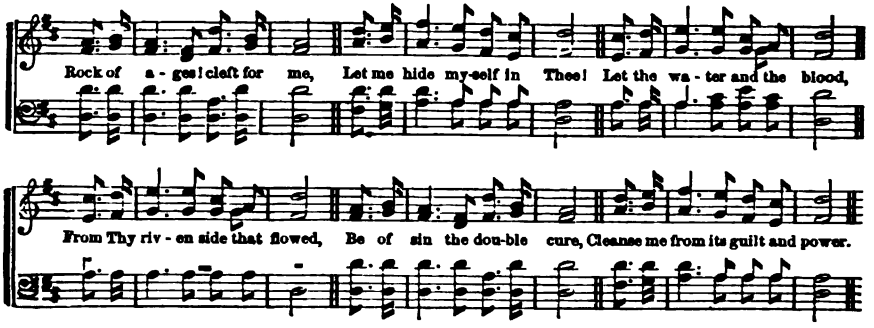
Bowed now in Thy presence, O God, we render Thee especial thanks for Thy Holy Word, which is given unto us to be a "lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path." May we have grace to receive it as such. May its heavenly truths enlighten our minds and direct our steps. May we take heed to its solemn admonitions; may we obey its holy precepts; may we trust its holy promises. As Thy Word reveals the Lord Jesus Christ to us as the alone and all-sufficient Saviour, may we receive Him as *our* Saviour. As Thy Word tells us of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, who will take of the things of Christ and show them unto us, may we have this Holy Spirit as our Teacher and our Guide; and as we are taught to be *doers* of the Word, and not hearers only, O may we be enabled to yield ourselves, body and soul, to Thy most holy will, and have our lives show forth Thy praise!

In particular, we implore Thy gracious blessing, O Lord, on that portion of Thy Word appointed for our instruction at this time. Bless it to our great good. May we know what is meant by having our faith fixed, and our spiritual house built upon the Rock, Christ Jesus. And may Thy Word, as "the good seed," be planted in our hearts, and take root there; nor let it be choked within us by the cares, or riches, or pleasures of this life, so as to bring no fruit to perfection; but having heard the Word, may we *keep* it, and bring forth fruit with patience—some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold to Thy glory.

And to our prayers for ourselves, we would add our intercessions for all mankind. We pray "that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified." Wherever it is known, may it be honored; and wheresoever throughout the world it is not now known, may it speedily be sent, so that "Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations."

Forgive our many sins. "Sanctify us by Thy truth: Thy Word is truth." Cleanse the very thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, and accept our prayers and ourselves, for our great Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Robert J. Parvin.



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ROCK of ages! cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side that flowed,
Be of sin the double cure—
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow—
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and Thou alone!
Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

3 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,—
Rock of ages! cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

Toplady.

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BREAD of heaven! on Thee I feed,
For Thy flesh is meat, indeed;
Ever may my soul be fed
With this true and living Bread;
Day by day with strength supplied,
Through the life of Him who died.

2 Vine of heaven! Thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice;
'Tis Thy wounds my healing give;
To Thy cross I look, and live;
Thou, my Life, oh, let me be
Rooted, grafted, built on Thee!

Conder.

DOXOLOGY.

Blessing, honor, glory, might,
And dominion infinite,
To the Father of our Lord,
To the Spirit and the Word:
As it was all worlds before,
Is, and shall be evermore.

AND God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant, therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

2 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep between me and you, and thy seed after thee: Every man-child among you shall be circumcised.

3 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your fore-skin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

4 And he that is eight days old, shall be circumcised among you, every man-child in your generations: he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger which is not of thy seed.

5 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised; and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

6 And the uncircumcised man-child, that soul shall be cut off from his people: he hath broken my covenant.

7 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

8 For he is not a Jew which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh;

9 But he is a Jew which is one outwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

10 And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

11 Let the children of Israel also keep the passover, at his appointed season.

12 To kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the LORD.

13 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, he shall be as one that is born in the land.

14 Thou shalt, therefore, keep this ordinance in his season, from year to year.

15 Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

16 And he said, Go into the city, to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand: I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

17 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

Prayer.—Lesson CLVIII.

O GOD, most holy and upright, unto whom all things are naked and open, and who desireth truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden parts makest Thy saints to know wisdom; grant that, in all things, we may be what Thou wouldst have us to be: holy as Thou art holy, and upright as Thou art upright. Search us and know our hearts, try us and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

O save us from all delusion, and misjudgment of ourselves; from all untruthfulness and insincerity; from secret faults, from an evil conscience, from blindness and hardness of heart; and from all the deceitfulness of sin. In simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by Thy grace, may we have our conversation in the world; and so live, that Thy Spirit may bear witness with ours, that we are approved of Thee, as children and heirs of Thine in Christ.

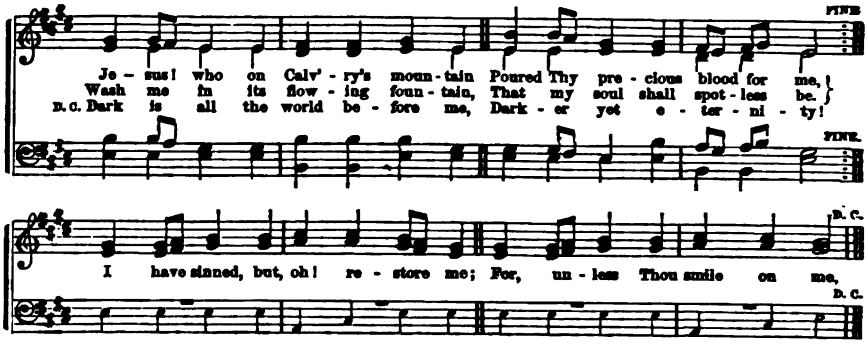
Especially grant that we may be acceptable and pleasing to Thee, in all our acts and exercises of worship. While observing the forms of godliness, O save us from denying its power. Let us never draw nigh to Thee with our mouth and honor Thee with our lips, while our heart is far from Thee. When we read or hear the Scriptures, may we lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking, and as new born babes, desire the sincere milk of Thy word, that we may grow thereby. When Thy gospel is preached to us, may be receive it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the gospel of God. In singing Thy praises, may we sing with the Spirit and with the understanding also, and make melody to Thee in our hearts. Inspire us with reverence and godly fear, whenever we witness, or take part in, the celebration of Thy sacraments. In every office of devotion, secret or social, O impart to us Thy grace, that we may be enabled to worship Thee, who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth.

And grant, O Lord, that the Spirit from on high, may be poured out upon all Thy worshippers, in Thy universal church—on all who call upon Thy name in all the world—that their prayers and praises may do Thee sincere and hearty homage, like those of the holy angels and saints in light, who bow before Thee in Thy heavenly temple.

And hasten, O hasten the coming of that day, when from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, Thy name shall be great among the Gentiles; and, in every place, incense and a pure offering, shall be offered unto Thy great and glorious name.

Hear, O Lord, and answer this our prayer, for the sake of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thomas H. Skinner.



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JESUS! who on Calv'ry's mountain
Poured Thy precious blood for me,
Wash me in its flowing fountain,
That my soul may spotless be.

2 I have sinned, but, oh, restore me;
For, unless Thou smile on me,
Dark is all the world before me,
Darker yet eternity!

3 In Thy word I hear Thee saying,
"Come, and I will give you rest;"
Glad the gracious call obeying,
See, I hasten to Thy breast.

4 Grant, oh, grant Thy Spirit's teaching,
That I may not go astray,
Till, the gate of heaven reaching,
Earth and sin are passed away!

Unknown.

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WHILE in sweet communion feeding
On this earthly bread and wine.
Saviour, may we see Thee bleeding
On the cross, to make us Thine!

2 Now, our eyes forever closing
To this fleeting world below,
On Thy faithful word reposing,
Teach us, Lord, Thy grace to know.

3 Though unseen, be ever near us,
With the still small voice of love,
Whispering words of peace to cheer us,
Every doubt and fear remove.

4 Bring before us all the story
Of Thy life and death of woe;
And with hopes of endless glory,
Wean our hearts from all below.

Unknown.

GO ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

2 Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost?

3 When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

4 As they went on their way, they came to a certain water; and the Eunuch said, See, here is water: what doth hinder me to be baptized?

5 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

6 And he commanded the chariot to stand still, and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch; and he baptized him.

7 Now, why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

8 Jesus took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God shall come.

9 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

10 Likewise also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

11 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

12 And they went and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And when the hour was come, he sat down and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer.

13 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

14 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

15 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

16 Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup: for as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

Prayer.—Lesson CLIX.

OUR gracious Lord and Saviour, who hast given Thyself for us as our sacrifice for sin. We thank Thee for all the blessings of Thy Gospel. We praise Thee that we have been permitted to hear and know Thy great salvation. We beseech Thee to wash us in Thy precious blood from all our sins. Clothe us with the garments of Thy salvation. Cover us with the robe of Thy righteousness. And make us to be justified and accepted forevermore in Thee.

In Holy Baptism, seal us by Thy own Spirit, as the children of our heavenly Father, chosen and adopted in Thee. May we enjoy the new creation of Thy Holy Spirit, and be made new creatures in Thee. Form us after Thy own image and example, that we may walk in Thy steps. Give us that true baptism of the Holy Ghost, which is not outward in the flesh, but is of the heart, in the spirit, whose praise is not of men, but of God.

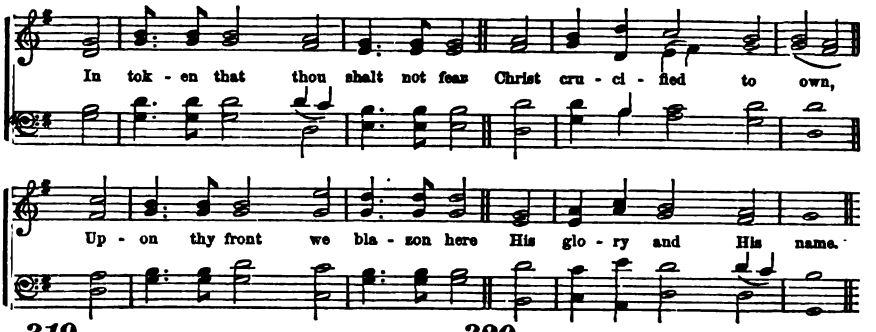
Bring us to Thy Holy Table as Thy children, in the true conversion of our hearts, and in living faith in Thee, that we may then have our fellowship with the Father and with Thee. Grant us access unto the Father in Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit. May we be taught and enabled truly to feed upon the living bread which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life to man. May we learn to drink of that cup of salvation, which Thou hast filled from the true vine, with Thy own precious blood. And wilt Thou meet us and accept us at Thy table on earth, and at Thy marriage supper in heaven.

Strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit, always to confess Thee before men. Enable us to follow Thee with sincere fidelity and devotion. May our whole lives show forth Thy praise. Give us always grace, to walk in Thee, humbly with God.

Teach us to love others, as Thou hast loved us. Every day may we live more to Thy glory, and love Thee more.

And when we have finished our course on earth, and have been by Thy grace, faithful unto death, receive us unto Thy glory, sanctified and saved in Thee forever. And to Thy holy name be all the glory for Thy unspeakable love forever. Amen.

Stephen H. Tyng.



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IN token that thou shalt not fear
Christ crucified to own,
Upon thy front, we blazon here,
His glory and His name.

2 In token that thou shalt not flinch
Christ's quarrel to maintain,
But 'neath His banner manfully
Firm at thy post remain;—

3 In token that thou too shalt tread
The path He travelled by,
Endure the cross, despise the shame,
And sit thee down on high;—

4 Thus outwardly and visibly,
We seal thee for His own;
And may the brow that wears His cross
Hereafter share His crown.

Henry Alford.

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AFTER Thy loving-kindness, Lord,
Have mercy upon me:
For Thy compassions great, blot out
All mine iniquity.

2 Me cleanse from sin, and th'roughly wash
From mine iniquity;
For my transgressions I confess,
My sin I ever see.

3 Behold, Thou in the inward part,
With truth delighted art;
And wisdom Thou shalt make me know
Within the hidden part.

4 Do Thou with hyssop sprinkle me,
I shall be cleansed so;
Yea, wash Thou me, and then I shall
Be whiter than the snow.

Scotch Version.

AND Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

2 He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

3 Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.

6 The long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noe, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls, were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

7 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me, is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire;

8 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

9 I indeed have baptized you with water, but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

10 John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence.

11 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan, unto John, to be baptized of him.

12 But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

13 And Jesus answering, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

14 Many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized.

15 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

16 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud, and in the sea.

17 By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Prayer.—Lesson CLX.

AS WE assemble this morning, we invoke Thy blessing, O Lord, upon the labors and the pleasures of this day. Follow the blessings of the night with those of the day. Help us to realize that every good thing comes from Thee, and by every new gift of Thy love, lead us to love Thee more and serve Thee better.

Forgive, we pray Thee, our sins of heart, as well as of word and act. Make us truly sorry for our sins, and enable us through Jesus Christ to break them off by righteousness.

Give us to-day all needful bounties of Thy providence, and abundant spiritual blessings. Make us watchful against sin—faithful in every duty—patient under trials—and joyful in Thy favor.

We ask Thee, our Father, to bless every family here represented, giving to parents and children, the joys of Thy salvation.

May our state and nation enjoy Thy favor. Imbue our rulers with reverence for the law, and a love of truth and justice. May they be wise to discover, and courageous to perform every duty incumbent on them, realizing in their public acts their obligations to Thee, the ruler of nations.

Make our people loyal, just and true—faithful to God and to humanity.

All these blessings we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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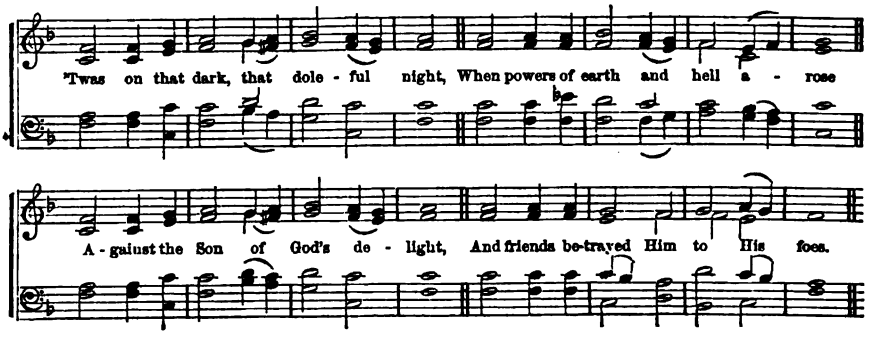

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'TWAS on that dark, that doleful night,
When powers of earth and hell arose
Against the Son of God's delight,
And friends betrayed Him to His foes:

2 Before the mournful scene began,
He took the bread, and bless'd and brake;
What love through all His actions ran!
What wondrous words of grace He spake!

3 "This is My body, broke for sin;
Receive and eat the living food;"
Then took the cup, and blessed the wine:
"This the new covenant in My blood."

4 Jesus! Thy feast we celebrate!
We show Thy death, we sing Thy name,
Till Thou return, and we shall eat
The marriage supper of the Lamb.

Watts.

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I FEED by faith on Christ; my bread,
His body broken on the tree;
I live in Him, my living Head,
Who died, and rose again for me.

2 This be my joy and comfort here,
This pledge of future glory, mine:
Jesus, in spirit now appear,
And break the bread, and pour the wine.

3 From Thy dear hand, may I receive
The tokens of Thy dying love,
And, while I feast on earth, believe
That I shall feast with Thee above.

4 Nor let Thy spreading gospel rest,
Till through the world Thy truth has run;
Till with this bread all men be blest,
Who see the light or feel the sun.

Montgomery.

THE cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

2 For we being many are one bread, and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread.

3 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils; ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

4 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread;

5 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

6 After the same manner, also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

7 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

8 Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

9 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

10 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

11 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

12 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

13 When ye come together, therefore, into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.

14 For in eating every one taketh, before other, his own supper; and one is hungry and another is drunken.

15 What! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the Church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

16 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

17 And, if any man hunger, let him eat at home: that ye come not together unto condemnation.

18 They told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in the breaking of bread.

19 They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXI.

O THOU eternal and ever-blessed God, we will praise Thee, for Thou art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thy name. How precious are Thy thoughts unto us; and how great is the sum of them! Thou hast not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities, but with infinite compassion and tender mercy daily loadest us with benefits. Thou givest us richly all things to enjoy, and fillest our hearts with food and gladness.

We blush with shame when we think how we have requited Thee. We have not served Thee as we ought, nor obeyed Thy holy commandments; we have followed evil instead of that which is good, and have thus grievously offended Thee; we have rewarded Thee with ingratitude instead of love.

Grant us, Lord, we beseech Thee, sincere contrition for these and all our sins. A broken and contrite heart Thou wilt not despise. We cannot justify ourselves; but we plead the merits and righteousness of Thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for our justification. O, give us grace to look unto Him with a true faith, and impart unto us peace, pardon, and the joys of salvation.

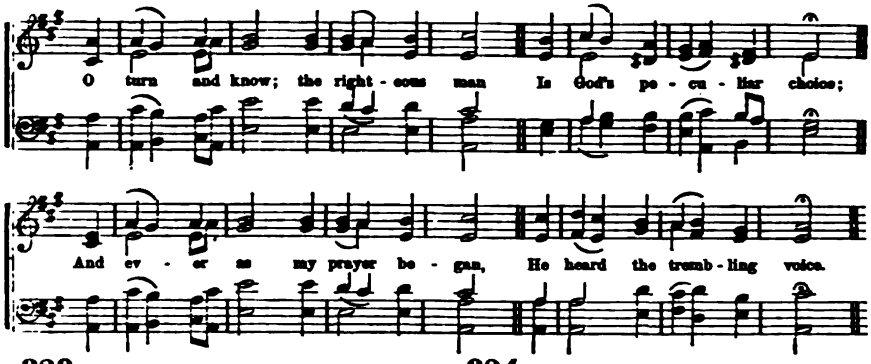
Blessed be God for the unspeakable gift of a Saviour! Yea, blessed be Thou, O Jesus, for Thy human life and vicarious sufferings and death, whereby Thou didst redeem us, lost and undone human creatures, and purchase for us an everlasting salvation. Now, having purged our sins in Thine own blood, Thou hast entered within the vail, and evermore appearest in the presence of God for us.

Yet Thou art in the midst of Thy people as often as they are gathered together in Thy name. We thank Thee for all the ordinances of Thy house, and especially also, for that memorial of Thy death which Thou didst appoint before Thy passion, for the increase of our faith and the nourishment of our spiritual life. May we ever regard this sacrament as a precious legacy from Thee, and make ready with joy when we are invited to Thy table. Search us and try us, that we may not eat and drink of the same unworthily. May we wait on Thee with true humility of spirit and faith, and thus obtain the abounding comforts of this feast. Manifest Thy love to us therein such a manner that we may feel it to be our highest privilege to devote body, soul and spirit, and all we have and are, a living sacrifice to Thee.

Vouchsafe these same blessings, we pray Thee, to all our dear friends and relatives. Unite all the children of God in one spirit, that having fellowship with one another, and with the Father and the Son, the world may see that we are Thy disciples, and glorify Thy name.

Finally, O Lord, may we grow in grace and the knowledge of Thee, even until we stand perfected before Thee in Zion, where in the holy fellowship of saints and angels, and in the eternal communion of the church triumphant, we will praise Thee forever and ever.

Sylvester Wolle.



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O TURN and know: the righteous man
Is God's peculiar choice;
And ever as my prayer began,
He heard the trembling voice.

2 Before Him stand with godly dread;
Shun every deed of ill;
And with your heart, and on your bed,
Hold converse, and be still.

3 I will not come within my house,
Nor rest in bed at all;
Nor shall mine eyes take any sleep,
Nor eyelids slumber shall;

4 Till for the Lord a place I find
Where He may make abode,
A dwelling-place in heart and mind
For Jacob's mighty God.

Selections.

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O LORD, Thou hast me search'd and known;
Thou know'st my sitting down,
And rising up; yea, all my thoughts
Afar to Thee are known.

2 My footsteps, and my lying down,
Thou dost behold always;
Thou also most entirely art
Acquaint with all my ways.

3 For in my tongue, before I speak,
Not any word can be,
But altogether, lo, O Lord,
It is well known to Thee.

4 Behind, before, Thou hast beset,
And laid on me Thine hand.
Such knowledge is too strange for me,
Too high to understand.

Scotch Version.

SEARCH me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

2 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

3 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by his fruit.

4 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

5 A good man, out of the good treasure of the heart, bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

6 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

7 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

8 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

9 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine figs? so can no fountain, both yield salt water and fresh.

10 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

11 Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

12 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, and thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

13 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit, neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

14 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble-bush gather they grapes.

15 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart, his mouth speaketh.

16 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXII.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, all things are naked and open unto Thee, with whom we have to do. Thou searchest the heart and triest the reins of the children of men. Thou reprovest them for their iniquities, and settest their sins in order before them.

We confess that we are sinners—that against Thee, Thee only have we sinned, and done evil in Thy sight. But we lament that we do not know ourselves as we should.

We confess that our studies improve our minds, but they do not supply the place of the knowledge of Thy Holy Word, by which alone we can come to the true knowledge of ourselves, as guilty and lost sinners, and of the way of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. We find that our hearts are deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, and we feel that our God only can know them. We beseech Thee, therefore, O God, to give us, by Thy Word and Spirit, a true knowledge of our sin and misery.

As by "Thy law is the knowledge of sin," O teach us Thy law in its spirit and application to our desires, affections, and thoughts, as well as to our words and actions; and bring us to see what is true,—that numberless as are our sinful words and actions, still more numerous are our guilty desires, affections, and thoughts.

As Thy law is "good," teach us to know how sadly we have abused and perverted it to the dishonor of God, and to the injury of ourselves and others.

As Thy law is "holy," make us to know how impure and loathsome we are in the sight of Thy infinite holiness.

As Thou requirest us to love Thee "with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and our neighbor as ourselves," make us to see how sadly and wickedly we have denied Thee our supreme love, and our fellow men that love which we owe them.

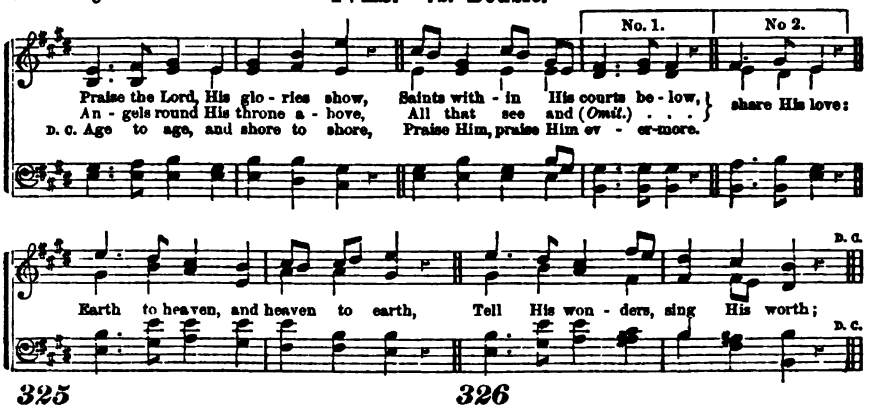
As Thou hast shown us Thine abhorrence of our sins, by not sparing Thine only begotten and dearly beloved Son, when He offered Himself as our Surety and Ransom, but didst make Him drink the cup of wrath to its very dregs, O make us to see the fearful evil of sin as thus exhibited in the anguish, and tears, and blood of the Son of God.

As Thou hast shown us Thy unspeakable love and compassion for us as sinners, in giving Thy dear Son to die the accursed death of the cross for our sins, teach us the guilt of our impenitence, unbelief, and ingratitude in view of such love.

O bring us to such a knowledge and sense of our guilt and danger, and of the riches of Thy mercy in Jesus Christ, that with grief and hatred of our sins we will turn from them to Thee, with full purpose of and endeavor after new obedience.

We humbly ask it all for Christ's sake. Amen.

John Van Eaton.



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PRAISE the Lord, His glories show,
Saints within His courts below,
Angels round His throne above,
All that see and share His love!
Earth to heaven, and heaven to earth,
Tell His wonders, sing His worth;
Age to age, and shore to shore,
Praise Him, praise Him, evermore!

2 Praise the Lord, His mercies trace;
Praise His providence and grace:—
All that He for man hath done,
All He sends us through His Son.
Strings and voices, hands and hearts,
In the concert bear your parts:
All that breathe, your Lord adore;
Praise Him, praise Him, evermore!

Lyte.

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LORD, forever at Thy side
Let my place and portion be:
Strip me of the robe of pride,
Clothe me with humility.
Meekly may my soul receive
All Thy Spirit hath revealed:
Thou hast spoken; I believe,
Though the oracle be sealed.

2 Humble as a little child,
Weaned from the mother's breast,
By no subtlety beguiled,
On Thy faithful word I rest.
Israel, now and evermore,
In the Lord Jehovah trust:
Him, in all His ways adore,
Wise, and wonderful, and just.

Amer. Met. Paal.

BLESSED are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2 Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself, as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

3 All their works they do, to be seen of men: and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in synagogues:

4 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi! Rabbi!

5 But be not ye called Rabbi; for one is your master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

6 And call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

7 Neither be ye called masters; for one is your master, even Christ.

8 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

9 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

10 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room: lest a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him.

11 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which it was our duty to do.

12 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

13 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

14 I know that in me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing: for to will, is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

15 I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think: but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. If any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

17 Charity suffereth long, and is kind. Charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly.

18 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

19 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXIII.

O THOU great God and Divine Teacher, who, by Thy Spirit and Word, and Providence, dost daily seek to instruct us in the truth, we ask Thy guidance in the tasks of this day, that they all may be begun, continued and ended in Thee.

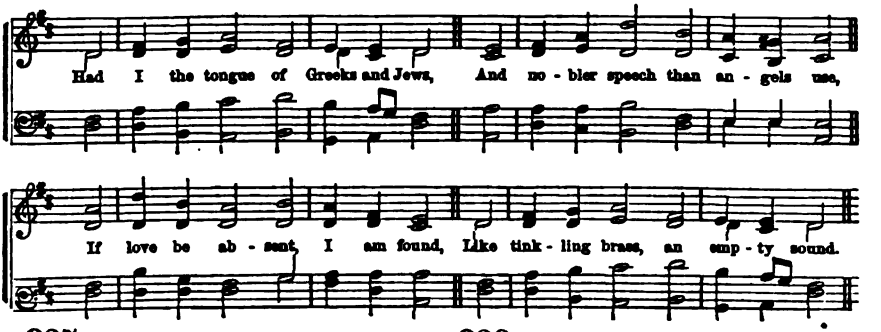
We desire that all our knowledge may be consecrated to Thy glory; and, that we may so increase in wisdom and understanding as to increase our ability to serve Thee and extend the honor of Thy name. We thank Thee for Thy care and protection, which has given us this new day and these new advantages. We praise Thy name for health of body, and vigor of mind; for the supply of our returning physical wants, and for the delights of social intercourse.

Above all, we glorify Thy name for the gift of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, to be the sacrifice for our sins, that through His death we might live. And we would adore and serve Him who thus took our place and suffered in our stead, while we would bewail, abhor and renounce our sins which brought Jesus to the cross. Assist us, gracious Lord, in our contest against sin, and in obtaining that holiness of heart and life, which Thy love has made possible.

Give unto us the Holy Spirit, that we may be forward and zealous in divine things. Help us to watch and pray, as we walk in the midst of temptations. Keep us from the appearance of evil, and give us strength to avoid the false maxims, methods and manners of the ungodly world, in prosperity and adversity alike be our protector and chosen portion, and at last lead us through death into Thy heavenly glory, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Howard Crosby.

Love, a Christian **HOGARTH. L. M.** *Grace.*



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HAD I the tongues of Greeks and Jews,
And nobler speech than angels use,
If love be absent, I am found,
Like tinkling brass, an empty sound.

2 Were I inspired to preach and tell
All that is done in heaven or hell,
Or could my faith the world remove,
Still am I nothing without love.

3 Should I distribute all my store,
To feed the hungry, clothe the poor—
Or give my body to the flame,
To gain a martyr's glorious name,

4 If love to God and love to men
Be absent, all my hopes are vain;
Nor tongues, nor gifts, nor fiery zeal,
The work of love can e'er fulfil.

Watts.

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FAITH, hope, and charity, these three,
Yet is the greatest charity;
Father of lights, these gifts impart
To mine and every human heart.

2 Faith, that in prayer can never fail,
Hope, that o'er doubting must prevail,
And charity, whose name above
Is God's own name, for God is love.

3 The morning star is lost in light,
Faith vanishes at perfect sight;
The rainbow passes with the storm,
And hope with sorrow's fading form.

4 But charity, serene, sublime,
Beyond the reach of death and time,
Like the blue sky's all-bounding space,
Holds heaven and earth in its embrace.

Montgomery.

THE fruit of the Spirit is love.
2 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another; for he that loveth another, hath fulfilled the law.
3 For this,Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
4 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
5 Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
6 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well.
7 Above all things, have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.
8 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you; but an old commandment, which ye had from the beginning.
9 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him, and in you; because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.
10 He that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.
11 Little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
12 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.
13 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you;
14 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
15 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same?
16 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?
17 Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.
18 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXIV.

O LORD, we are Thy degenerate children. Sin has soured and alienated our affections from Thee. Sin has brought us under the curse, and made us helpless and lost. But it has not alienated Thy love from us. Thou hast remembered us in mercy. Jesus has come, the "embodiment and expression of Thy love," "not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

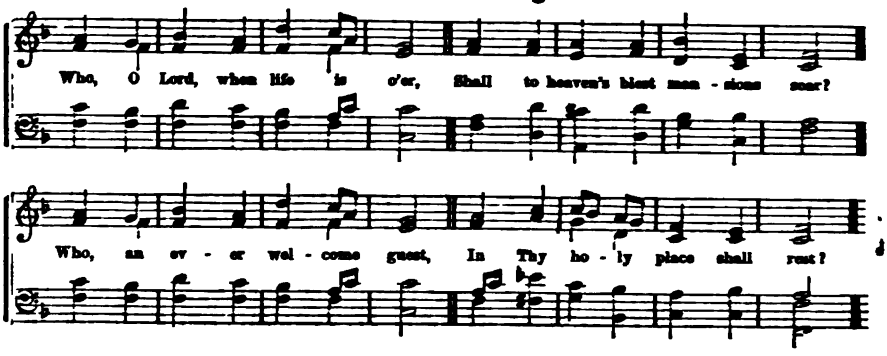
"He ever liveth to make intercession for us," and we come to Thee, that we may be washed and made pure, that we may have the sweet and gentle Spirit of the man Christ Jesus, which prompted Him to go about doing good—to endure meekly the contradiction of sinners against Himself, and that led Him at last to Calvary, "to die, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us unto God."

May the love of Christ constrain us. May it live in our hearts and be the life of our lives, making us a power and a benediction in all places and relations—"living epistles known and read of all men." May it pervade this institution, making it as a foundation, from which shall issue streams to gladden the city of our God.

May it pervade the entire Church, making her every where "the salt of the earth, and the light of the world." May the spirit of love and harmony be restored to our country, that we may stand forever, as a tower of strength.

May it be universally diffused among the nations, that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to Thy name shall be the glory forever. Amen.

S. D. Burchard.



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WHO, O Lord, when life is o'er,
Shall to heaven's blest mansion's soar?
Who, an ever-welcome guest,
In Thy holy place shall rest?

2 He whose heart Thy love has warmed;
He whose will to Thine conformed,
Bids his life unsullied run;
He whose words and thoughts are one:—

3 He who shuns the sinner's road,
Loving those who love their God:
Who, with hope and faith unfeigned,
Treads the path by Thee ordained;—

4 He who trusts in Christ alone,
Not in aught himself hath done;
He, great God, shall be Thy care,
And Thy choicest blessings share.

Lyte.

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FATHER of eternal grace,
Glorify Thyself in me:
Meekly beaming in my face,
May the world Thine image see.

2 Happy only in Thy love,
Poor, unfriended, or unknown,
Fix my thoughts on things above,
Stay my heart on Thee alone.

3 Humble, holy, all-resigned
To Thy will—Thy will be done;
Give me, Lord, the perfect mind
Of Thy well-beloved Son.

4 Counting gain and glory less,
May I tread the path He trod,
Die with Jesus on the cross,
Rise with Him to Thee, my God!

Montgomery.

BLESSED are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

2 Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

3 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary, the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

4 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless.

5 Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

6 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

7 Having, therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

8 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

9 This, I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind.

10 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.

11 Who being past feeling, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ.

12 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

13 That ye put off, concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt, according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

14 And the very God of peace, sanctify you wholly; and I pray God, your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

16 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God.

17 In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine, showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity.

18 Unto the pure, all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unclean, is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXV.

MOST gracious God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all Thy goodness towards us unworthy children of men. Blessed be Thy holy name, that Thou hast not dealt with us according to our sinfulness, and hast not cut us off in the midst of our transgressions. We adore Thee for Thy sparing mercy, and acknowledge, with grateful hearts, that it is only because Thy compassions fail not, that we have not been consumed. For our ways have not been right before Thee. The impure thoughts of our minds, the sensual desires of our hearts, and the unbecoming words of our lips condemn us in Thy sight, and make us vile in our own eyes. With our hands we have done wicked things, and confess with shame that we are by nature so prone to employ all the members of our body in the unclean service of sin.

O Lord, we pray Thee, forgive us; remember not the sins of our youth. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. For the sake of Thy dear Son, who bare our sins in His own body on the tree, fulfil unto each of us, we humbly beseech of Thee, the promise of Thy pardoning grace, and blot out our transgressions.

Oh, that we might be enabled by Thy Holy Spirit, not only to say with our mouths, but also to feel in our hearts, that Christ hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

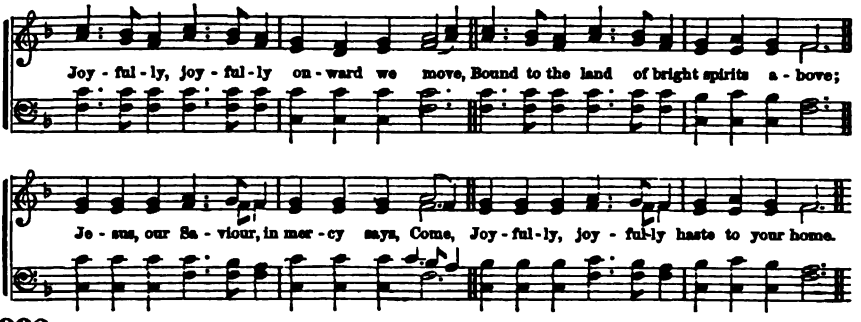
Father, we entreat Thee, to make us partakers of Thy saving grace in Jesus. Save us from our sins, and let them no longer have dominion over us. Give us the needful strength to overcome them. Let Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness, and Thy sanctifying grace at all times be sufficient for us.

Renew us daily in the spirit of our minds; purify the affections of our hearts; mortify our carnal lusts; and conform us both in our persons and in our lives, to the spotless image of our Lord Jesus Christ. Cleanse us from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, that we may glorify Thee by the purity of our thoughts and speech, and the chastity of our walk and conversation.

As we grow in stature and in years, may we also grow in the knowledge and grace of our blessed Saviour, who suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps.

Help us, O Lord, to keep Christ Jesus in mind; and give unto us the power to keep His sayings; that we may ever through the virtue of His atoning merits, inherit the glorious promise, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Amen.

Lewis F. Kampmann.



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JOYFULLY, joyfully, onward we move,
Bound to the land of bright spirits above;
Jesus, our Saviour, in mercy, says, Come,
Joyfully, joyfully haste to your home.

2 Soon will our pilgrimage end here below,
Soon to the presence of God we shall go;
Then, if to Jesus our hearts have been given,
Joyfully, joyfully rest we in heaven.

3 Teachers and scholars have passed on before,
Waiting, they watch us, approaching the shore,
Singing to cheer us, while passing along,
Joyfully, joyfully haste to your home.

4 Sounds of sweet music there ravish the ear,
Harps of the blessèd, your strains we shall hear,
Filling with harmony heaven's high dome,
Joyfully, joyfully, Jesus, we come.

5 Death with his arrow may soon lay us low,
Safe in our Saviour, we feel not the blow,
Jesus hath broken the bars of the tomb,
Joyfully, joyfully we will go home.

6 Bright will the morn of eternity dawn,
Death shall be conquered, his sceptre be gone,
Over the plains of sweet Canaan we roam,
Joyfully, joyfully, safely at home.

Unknown.

HANNAH prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD; mine horn is exalted in the LORD; my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none besides thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

2 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

3 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

4 Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

5 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

6 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

7 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day; and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

8 The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD: and in thy salvation, how greatly shall he rejoice.

9 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness.

10 Be glad, then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

11 Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

12 Zaccheus made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

13 Not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

14 Now, the God of hope, fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

15 Rejoice in the Lord always; and again, I say, Rejoice.

16 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

17 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

18 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

19 My meditation of him shall be sweet, I will be glad in the LORD.

DOXOLOGY.

To Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest,
Eternal praise and worship be addressed;
From age to age, ye saints, His name adore,
And spread His fame, till time shall be no more!

Prayer.—Lesson CLXVI.

O LORD, our God and Saviour, hear our prayers and accept our morning sacrifice, we entreat Thee. Enable us as we worship before Thee, the searcher of hearts, to gather in all wandering thoughts, and set our affections on things above.

We thank Thee for all the blessings with which our cup is daily filled. We feel that Thou, O God, hast created our bodies and souls, and hast made bountiful provision for them.

Every thing beautiful to the eyes, every sweet sound that falls on our ears, every pleasant thing which gratifies our taste, has been prepared for us by Thy loving hand.

Enable us to receive and enjoy each as coming from Thy gracious hand, that we may habitually and lovingly walk with Thee. Reward our parents and teachers for all the care and kindness bestowed on us by them. Make us a comfort and a blessing to them.

Establish the work of our hands day by day in righteousness. Instruct us by Thy Word; guide us by Thy Spirit; overrule and direct our course by Thy gracious providence; keep us back from sin, and incline us to duty, and enable us to grow up into the beauty of holiness in our lives.

We pray Thee, gracious Father, to bless with Thy favor and guidance all our rulers. Build up Thy Church on her most holy faith. Purify her from all that is false in doctrine and sinful in practice.

And we ask Thee to be with us in the labors and recreations of this day, and when our service on earth is ended, receive us to Thy kingdom in heaven for the sake of our dear Redeemer. Amen.

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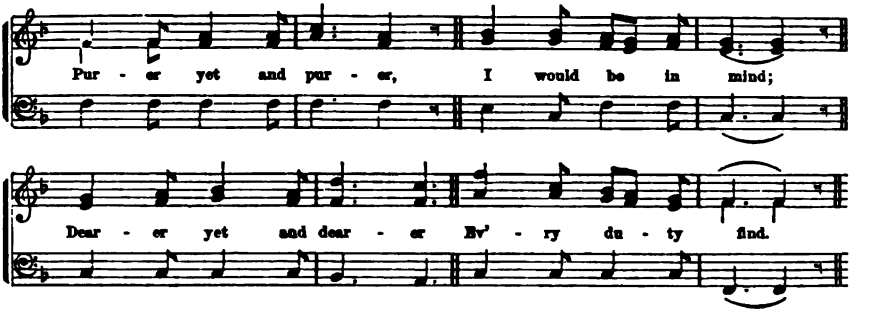

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PURER yet and purer
I would be in mind,
Dearer yet and dearer
Every duty find;

2 Hoping still and trusting
God without a fear,
Patiently believing
He will make all clear;

3 Calmer yet and calmer
Trial bear, and pain,
Surer yet and surer
Peace at last to gain.

4 Suff'ring still and doing,
To His will resigned,
And to God subduing
Heart and will and mind.

5 Higher yet and higher
Out of clouds and night,
Nearer yet and nearer
Rising to the light,—

6 Light serene and holy,
Where my soul may rest,
Purified and lowly,
Sanctified and blest.

7 Quicker yet and quicker
Ever onward press,
Firmer yet and firmer
Step as I progress:

8 Oft these earnest longings
Swell within my breast,
Yet their inner meaning
Ne'er can be expressed.

Unknown.

IN your patience, possess ye your souls.
2 We glory in tribulation also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience.
3 Then said Job's wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die.
4 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.
5 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction;
6 For whom the LORD loveth, he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
7 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it. I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.
8 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me; he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.
9 We ourselves glory in you, in the churches of God, for your patience and faith, in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure.
10 Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient.
11 For what glory is it, if when ye be buffetted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.
12 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.
13 The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.
14 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
15 After he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.
16 I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil;
17 And hast borne and hast patience, and for my name sake, hast labored, and hast not fainted.
18 Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect, and entire, wanting nothing.
19 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience, and long-suffering, with joyfulness.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXVII.

"OUR FATHER who art in heaven," we come before Thee this morning in humble dependence upon Thee, the independent source of all our blessings. We crave the forgiveness of past sins. We thank Thee for past mercies.

O God, wilt Thou help us to feel our entire dependence upon Thee for life and all its blessings, for happy homes, for kind friends, and the opportunities Thou dost give us to improve our minds. Help us, our Father, above all, to thank and adore Thee for the gift of Thy dear Son, through whose merits alone we dare approach into Thy presence.

In the duties of the day, O Lord, wilt Thou lead and direct us all. Help us to avoid all evil, keep us in right paths, enable the pupils to be diligent in the pursuit of knowledge, enlighten them by Thy Spirit, that they may seek the true wisdom "that cometh down from above." O Thou, who dost control the minds of all Thine intelligent creatures, wilt Thou lead these youth to Thyself, the fountain of all knowledge. Help them to know Thee, "whom to know aright is life eternal." Keep them, O God, from yielding to temptation. Shield them by Thine Almighty power from all harm. Grant, Lord, that these pupils may be gentle, kindly affectioned one toward another, that, as they increase in knowledge, they may grow in the fear of the Lord. O, Thou Saviour of sinners, Thou who didst bless children while on earth, look down in tender compassion upon the members of this school. Take them in Thine arms and present them before Thy Father's mercy-seat.

Great and ever-blessed God, give unto those who are called to teach, wisdom, and patience, and humility; may they be of a teachable spirit. Help them, O Lord, to feel the importance of their work. Grant that through Thine abounding grace, they may be instruments in Thy hand, of leading those under their care to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world."

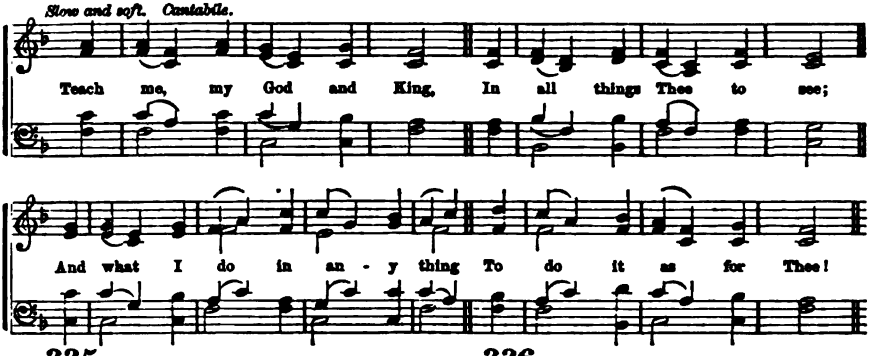
Hear us, our Father, for the millions that sit in darkness and see no light. Give unto all, the blessings that we enjoy, and hasten the time when ignorance and superstition shall be driven from our land.

Indulgent Parent, we commit ourselves into Thy hands. Be Thou our protector and defence.

We ask Thy guidance. Be Thou our director and safe-guard. We humbly supplicate Thy mercy. Be Thou our Saviour and our God.

These and all needed blessings, we ask, O Lord, in the name and through the merits of Thy dear Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Charles R. Coburn.



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TEACH me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see;
And what I do in any thing,
To do it as for Thee!

2 To scorn the senses' sway,
While still to Thee I tend;
In all I do, be Thou the way,
In all, be Thou the end.

3 All may of Thee partake;
Nothing so small can be
But draws, when acted for Thy sake,
Greatness and worth from Thee.

4 If done beneath Thy laws,
Ev'n servile labors shine;
Hallowed is toil, if this the cause;
The meanest work, divine.

G. Herbert.

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A CHARGE to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky;

2 To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil,—
Oh, may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.

3 Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And, Oh! Thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

4 Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely;
Assured if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

C. Wesley.

LET your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

2 Wherefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end, for the grace that is to be brought unto you, at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

3 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

4 Be not among wine bibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh;

5 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

6 Add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness.

7 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes, strong drink; lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

8 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink: that continue until night, till wine inflame them!

9 While they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

10 Do not drink wine or strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die; it shall be a statute forever, throughout your generations.

11 Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

12 Young men likewise exhort to be sober-minded, in all things showing thyself a pattern of good works.

13 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

14 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

15 Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

16 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

17 The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

18 Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

19 For they that sleep, sleep in the night, and they that be drunken, are drunken in the night.

20 But let us who are of the day be sober.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXVIII.

OUR FATHER in heaven, enable us at this time to render to Thee an acceptable service. We approach Thee as suppliants in the name of our blessed Redeemer. Draw us, we beseech Thee, by the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, into intimate communion with Thyself.

May we, in the exercise of a true and an abiding faith, trust in the promise of acceptance given to all who draw nigh unto the throne of Thy heavenly grace, in the name of our Lord Jesus.

We would believe, help, Lord, our unbelief, that we may approach Thee, oven with boldness, encouraged by the Comforter, saying unto us, Fear not. We confess our sins before Thee, and acknowledge the justice of our condemnation by Thy holy law, for we have sinned against light and knowledge, and there is no hope in us; having no other refuge, we cling to the cross, and cry, Save, Lord, or we perish. Father, we implore Thy constant care and protection. How great is our need of it, Thou only knowest, assailed as we are by temptations which ever beset us.

Grant that we may live a godly and Christian life, so that, by Thy grace assisting us, we may triumph over the assaults of the evil one, and in the end, come off conquerors, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we daily grow in grace, and in the knowledge of God; adding to our faith, virtue; to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; that we may be conformed more and more to Thee, and become meet for the inheritance of the just made perfect.

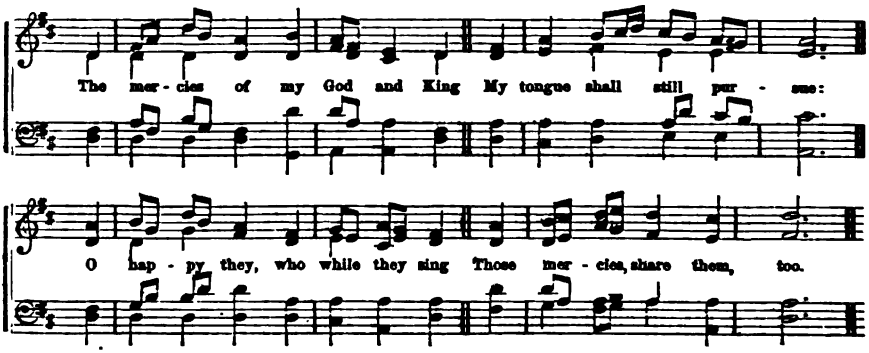
And, more especially, would we at this time pray, O, most merciful God, that we may be kept from the sin of intemperance, and saved from the suffering, the degradation, and all the evils of drunkenness in this life, and from the doom of the impenitent in the life to come.

How fearful, O God, is Thy decree, that no drunkard shall inherit eternal life!

Subdue, we pray Thee, our carnal appetites and desires; enlighten our darkened understandings; purify and elevate our affections, that we may be able to lead peaceable, and quiet and holy lives; cultivating the grace of temperance in all things; so that love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance, may abide in us.

And at the end, with affections weaned from the things of earth, may we, purified from all sin, through the merits of our crucified Redeemer, be received to Thyself, and saved by Thy everlasting salvation.

Joseph Allison.



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THE mercies of my God and King
My tongue shall still pursue:
Oh, happy they, who, while they sing
Those mercies, share them, too!

2 As bright and lasting as the sun,
As lofty as the sky,
From age to age Thy word shall run,
And chance and change defy.

3 The covenant of the King of kings
Shall stand forever sure;
Beneath the shadow of Thy wings,
Thy saints repose secure.

4 In earth below, in heaven above,
Who, who is, Lord, like Thee?
Oh, spread the gospel of Thy love,
Till all Thy glories see!

Lyte.

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I MERCY will, and judgment sing;
Lord, I will sing to Thee;
With wisdom in a perfect way.
Shall my behavior be.

2 O when, in kindness unto me,
Wilt Thou be pleased to come?
I with a perfect heart will walk
Within my house at home.

3 I will endure no wicked thing,
Before mine eyes to be:
I hate their work that turn aside;
It shall not cleave to me.

4 Who of deceit a worker is,
In my house shall not dwell;
And in my presence shalt he not
Remain, that lies doth tell.

Scotch Version.

PUTTING away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

2 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

8 Thy throne, O God, is forever and forever; the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness.

4 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

5 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

6 I hate and abhor lying; but thy law do I love.

7 He that speaketh truth, showeth forth righteousness: but a false witness, deceit.

8 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

9 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter any thing before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth, therefore, let thy words be few.

10 These are the things that ye shall do: speak ye every man truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates.

11 Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

12 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

13 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man, with his deeds.

14 Withal, they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also, and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

15 The fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

16 Speaking the truth in love, we may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

17 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

18 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

19 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

20 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

21 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart.

22 So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXIX.

O GOD, our Creator and Redeemer, Thy throne is forever and ever. Thy dominion is without end. The sceptre of Thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness and abhorrest lying. Help us therefore to appear before Thee with sincere and loving hearts, and truthful lips. We are sinners; our iniquities are very great and aggravating; they cry to heaven against us; but with a broken heart and contrite spirit, we pray to be delivered from them, and to be led in the way everlasting.

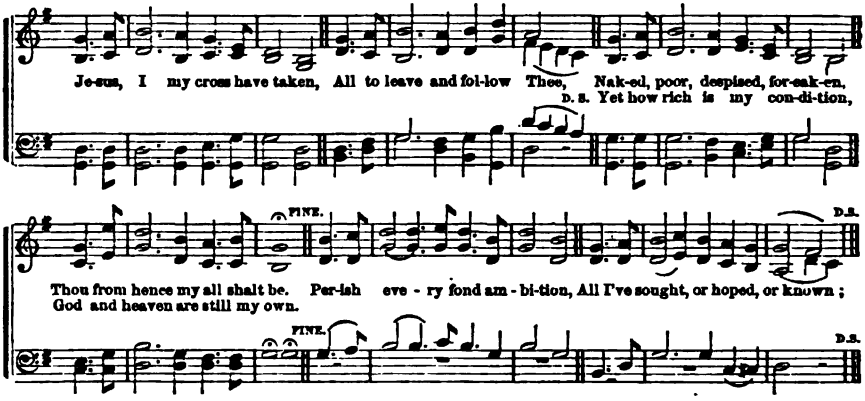
O God, Thou art rich in mercy. The blood of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, cleanseth from all sin. Heal us, and we shall be healed. Save us, and we shall be saved, for Thou art our preserver. Enable us to adjust ourselves to all the relations of human life.

Especially may we know the truth, and love the truth, and speak the truth; and may the truth make us free. Let not mercy and truth forsake us, but may we bind them about our neck, and write them upon the tables of our hearts; so shall we find favor with man, and a good understanding in the sight of God.

And grant, that while we seek to be truthful in all our intercourse with men, that we may also seek to attain to all the virtues that round out, and complete the Christian character. May we never be satisfied with present attainment in Christian excellence, but imitating the holy Apostles and Confessors, may we add to our faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity.

And may all these graces be in us, and abound, that we may become the true representatives of Christ, and the benefactors of our race. So help us, O God, to walk in the Spirit that we may go from strength to strength, and be changed from glory to glory, till we join the spirits of just men made perfect in heaven. Amen.

E. H. Gray.



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JESUS, I my cross have taken,
All to leave, and follow Thee,
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou, from hence, my all shalt be:
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.

2 Let the world despise and leave me:
They have left my Saviour, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me,
Thou art not, like them, untrue;
And whilst Thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate, and friends may scorn me,
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

3 Go, then, earthly fame and treasure;
Come disaster, scorn, and pain;
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee, Abba, Father,
I have set my heart on Thee;
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

4 Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
O, 'tis not in grief to harm me,
While Thy love is left to me:
O! 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Miss Grant.

AND Jesus said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

2 For, whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

3 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

4 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

5 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

6 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

7 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

8 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead; but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

9 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

10 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

11 Go your ways; I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

12 Carry neither purse nor scrip, nor shoes; and salute no man by the way.

13 Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

14 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

15 In all things approving ourselves, as the ministers of God, in much patience, in strifes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings.

16 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

17 Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

18 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXX.

OUR FATHER, who art in Heaven! Send Thy good Spirit, we pray Thee, that, taking these things of Christ, He may show them unto us. In our sin we are blind and ignorant. We know nothing aright. Interpret Thou these great truths to our minds and hearts, and help us to translate them, we beseech Thee, into our lives.

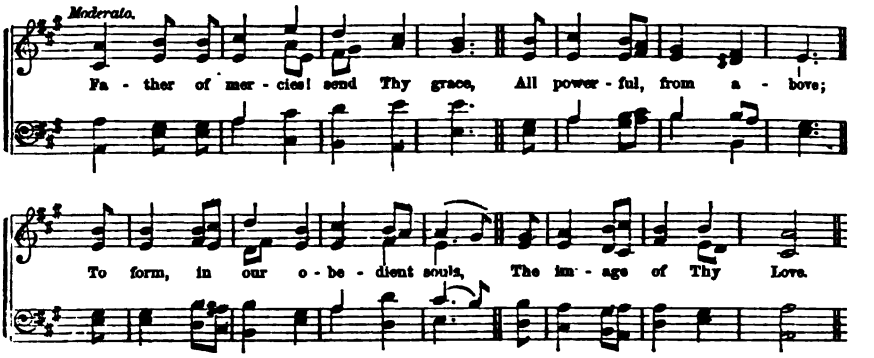
Teach us what self-denial for Christ's sake is; and teach us the blessedness of it. Help us to see and feel that that life into which Christ does not enter, which He does not inspire, and guide, and nurture, which is not full of glad service rendered Him, looking only to Him for its reward, is empty and miserable.

Let every one in this Thy presence be brought now to repentance for sin, to the renunciation of self, and to the acceptance of Christ, instead. And let this not seem to any one of us a grievous, irksome duty, but enable us to look upon it rather as a privilege. May we *rejoice* that we can wash ourselves, in His blood, of that which defiles and degrades us, that Christ can and will come unto us and dwell in us, making us fit temples for His habitation.

Show us the honor that is ours, if only we are Thine:—that of adoption into Thy family,—allowed to reign with Thee hereafter, if we but follow Thee faithfully here, running with patience even unto the end, the race that is set before us. O that Thou wouldst assure each one of us, that having Christ, he has all things; that Thou dost call him to renounce nothing for which Christ is not far more than an equivalent, even in this life, and much more in the life to come. Awaken us, then, to our true interests. Beget in us a spirit of willing obedience. Let the great love of Christ for us, kindle in us a love for Him and His cause. Let us recognize His claims upon us and our services, and with heartiness let us consecrate ourselves to Him. We confess our weakness—of ourselves we can do nothing; but with Thee to assist us we can do all things,—even to the giving up of ourselves wholly unto Thee, and taking up the cross daily and following Thee.

Glorify Thyself in us thus, we pray Thee, using us to advance the interests of Thy kingdom here below. Day by day may we grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Thee, bearing in our lives constantly the fruits of godliness, and growing up into the stature of perfect men in Christ Jesus. And admit us, at last, when our work on earth is done, to the inheritance of the just, where eternally we may praise Him whom through good and evil report, in all humility, we have followed here in this life. And to our glorified and ascended Lord shall be the praise, now and forever. Amen.

Brainerd Kellogg.



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FATHER of mercies, send Thy grace,
All-powerful, from above,
To form in our obedient souls
The image of Thy love.

2 O, may our sympathizing breasts
That generous pleasure know,
Kindly to share in others' joy,
And weep for others' woe.

3 When poor and helpless sons of grief
In deep distress are laid,
Soft be our hearts their pains to feel,
And swift our hands to aid.

4 So Jesus looked on dying man,
When throned above the skies,
And, in the Father's bosom blest,
He felt compassion rise.

Doddridge.

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WHAT shall we render, bounteous Lord,
For all the grace we see?
Alas! the goodness worms can yield,
Extendeth not to Thee.

2 To tents of woe, to beds of pain,
Our cheerful feet repair,
And with the gifts Thy hand bestows,
Relieve the mourners there.

3 The widow's heart shall sing for joy,
The orphan shall be glad,
And hung'ring souls will gladly point
To Christ, the living bread.

4 Thus passing through the vale of tears,
Our useful light shall shine:
And others learn to glorify
Our Father's name divine.

Boden.

EVERY man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully.

3 As touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you;

4 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you, to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

5 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, so do ye.

6 Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

7 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well-doing.

8 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that aught of the things he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common.

9 Neither was there any among them that lacked; for as many as were possessed of lands, or houses, sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

10 And laid them down at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto every man, according as he had need.

11 Ye yourselves know that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

12 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

13 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD. And David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

14 And Asa brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver and gold.

15 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God, which he hath given thee.

16 They shall not appear before the LORD empty.

17 As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart, I have willingly offered all these things; and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

18 To do good and to communicate, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXI.

HEAVENLY FATHER! Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Thou art the Author of our being. Thou hast preserved us amid the perils which have beset our path, from the earliest moment of our life until the present. We therefore belong to Thee, by the right of creation and preservation. We are not our own, for Thou hast bought us, not with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but with the most precious blood of Thine only Son. Hence it is but our reasonable service that we should render unto Thee our souls and bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable.

Help us, by Thy Spirit, just now, to consecrate all our powers to Thy service; and wilt Thou graciously accept the sacrifice which we bring; and grant that henceforth we may be more devoted to Thy cause, and more efficient instruments, in Thy hand, in extending the kingdom of Christ over the earth.

Almighty God! bestow, we pray Thee, upon these youthful souls, Thy choicest blessings. May they attain the highest degree of intellectual and moral excellence allotted to humanity. May they ever remember, that the great object of life is to glorify God, in doing good to men, to their souls and bodies, according to the ability which God giveth. May they feel the imperative obligation to alleviate the sorrows, and increase the joys of humanity, plucking away the thorns, and planting flowers along the path of life; being workers together with God, in spreading light and joy over this dark and suffering world.

Baptize all these students with the Spirit of Christ; so that their hearts may be inspired with heavenly love; that as the Saviour came to our relief, hastening from the throne of the excellent glory, entering our world, suffering and dying in agony upon the cross in our behalf, thus obtaining pardon, life, holiness, and heaven for us, so may they become a band of disciplined heroes in the service of God, ever ready to give labor, and suffer for those around them! May they pursue an exalted career of usefulness, happy in the personal enjoyment of God's smile, and becoming benefactors of their race; so that the world shall be the better, because they have lived, and their names be had in everlasting remembrance. May they always remember, that "It is more blessed to give, than to receive;" and in Thine infinite mercy, wilt Thou forbid that they should be wells without water: barren fields, receiving the rain, dews, and sunshine of heaven, but bringing forth no fruit; from which the reaper filleth not his hand, nor the mower his bosom! but make them living fountains, spreading verdure and beauty over all the landscape. Make them as genial suns, shedding light and warmth on the moral darkness and winter of time.

And when the labors of earth are done, receive them to habitations of everlasting joy, at Thy right hand. Amen.

Cyrus Nutt.

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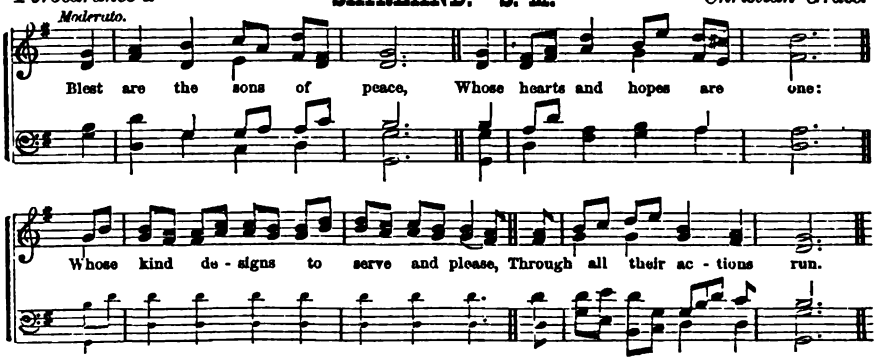

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BLEST are the sons of peace
Whose hearts and hopes are one;
Whose kind designs to serve and please
Through all their actions run.

2 Blest is the pious house
Where zeal and friendship meet:
Their songs of praise their mingled vows,
Make their communion sweet.

3 From those celestial springs
Such streams of pleasure flow,
As no increase of riches brings,
Nor honors can bestow.

4 Thus on the heavenly hills
The saints are blest above;
Where joy, like morning dew, distils,
And all the air is love!

Watts.

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OH, bless the Lord, my soul!
His grace to Thee proclaim;
And all that is within me, join
To bless His holy name.

2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind;
Forget not all His benefits:
The Lord to thee is kind.

3 He will not always chide:
He will with patience wait:
His wrath is ever slow to rise,
And ready to abate.

4 He pardons all thy sins,
Prolongs thy feeble breath;
He healeth thy infirmities,
And ransoms thee from death.

Watts.

WE then that are strong, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let every one of us please his neighbor, for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself.

3 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

4 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

5 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man.

6 Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

7 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

8 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

9 Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil; but overcome evil with good.

10 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts.

11 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing.

12 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow his steps.

13 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.

14 Even unto this present hour we labor, working with our own hands; being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it.

15 Being defamed, we entreat; we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

16 Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love.

17 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXII.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our dear Father who art in heaven, look down very graciously here and now, and regard us with that loving-kindness which Thou bearest toward those that are Thine own. Help us, when we call Thee our Father, to realize as well that we are brethren: brethren, in that we have all sprung from one common father, in whom we have sinned and fallen in his first transgression; brethren, also, in that we are blood-relations of the Lord Jesus Christ, and so members one of another. O Thou dear Jesus, who art our Advocate with the Father, help us to look with loving eyes and sympathetic hearts upon all men, that as we have opportunity, we may do good and communicate unto all, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

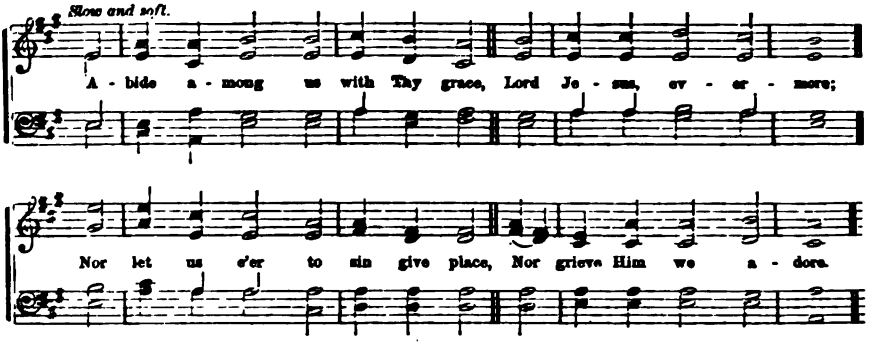
May every Christian grace be in us and abound, that we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, with all lowliness and meekness, forbearing one another in love, joy, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness and faith.

Let none of us be ever overcome of evil. Enable all of us often to overcome evil with good. Make us willing in the day of Thy power, both to be, and to do whatever is Thy good pleasure, that the world may know that we have been with Jesus, and that we have this same mind in us which was also in Him, who not only suffered for our sins, but in all His walk and conversation in the world, left us an example, that we should follow His steps and recommend His religion.

To this end, we humbly ask Thee, oh Thou mysterious Trinity, that Thou wilt largely bless to our present use, and for our constant application, these precious selections from Thy Holy Word, which form the lesson of this day.

And what we thus ask for ourselves, we also ask for all others for whom we ought to pray, for the sake of Him whose name is above every name, and among all Thy dear children is as ointment poured forth. Hear us in heaven,—answer us on earth, and write us, "accepted in the Beloved," whom the Father heareth always, and who in the days of His flesh on earth taught His disciples to say,—"OUR FATHER which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

John M'Millan.



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A BIDE among us with Thy grace,
Lord Jesus, evermore;
Nor let us e'er to sin give place,
Nor grieve Him we adore.

2 Abide among us with Thy ray,
O Light that lightenest all,
And let Thy truth preserve our way,
Nor suffer us to fall.

3 Abide with us to bless us still,
O bounteous Lord of peace;
Our souls with grace and power now fill,
Our faith and love increase.

4 Abide among us, as our Shield,
O Captain of Thy host;
That to the world we may not yield,
Nor e'er forsake our post.

Stegmann.

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HOW shall the young man keep his youth
From all pollution pure?
By following still Thy word of truth,
With steadfast eye, and sure.

2 One dearest wish my bosom feels,
From Thee to stray no more;
One richest gain my heart conceals,
Thy word's exhaustless store.

3 Bless'd is Thy name, O Lord, my God!
To me Thy laws unfold;
My lips delight to tell abroad
Whate'er Thy lips have told.

4 Beyond all wealth of golden mines
Thy precepts are my joy:
The way where Thy commandment shines
Shall all my cares employ.

American Metrical Psalter.

WHO then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household to give them meat in due season?

2 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing.

3 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

4 And unto one he gave five talents; to another, two; and to another, one: to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

5 Then he that had received the five talents, went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

6 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

7 But he that had received one, went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

8 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them.

9 And so he that had received five talents, came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents, behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

10 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

11 He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much.

12 If, therefore, ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

13 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

14 He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.

15 Moses, verily, was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after.

16 Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

17 Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth: for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

18 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water. Most men will proclaim, every one his own goodness; but a faithful man who can find?

19 Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXIII.

FOREVER, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven. From everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. By Thy word were the heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of Thy mouth. The armies of the invisible world, angels and archangels, thrones, dominions, principalities and powers; the glorious firmament on high, sun, moon, and stars; the earth, and the fulness thereof; all are the work of Thy hands, and all stand in their appointed place, continually showing forth Thy praise and fulfilling Thy will.

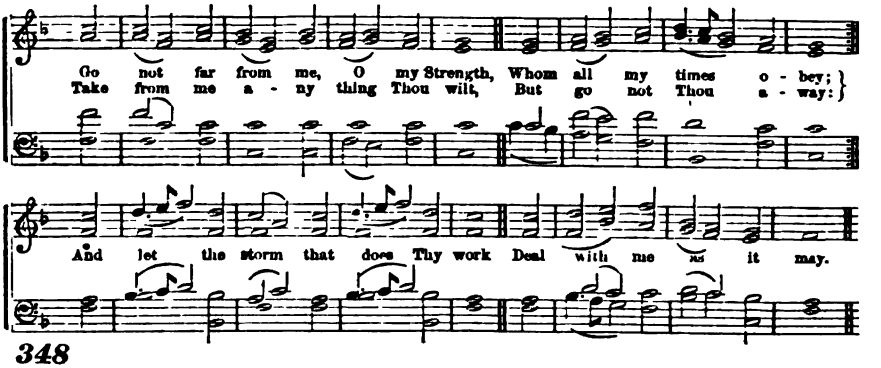
Thou, also, at the first, didst make man in Thine own image, and after Thine own likeness, and didst set him over the works of Thine hands, endowing him with the excellent gift of righteousness, and forming him for immortality. And when afterward, through the fraud and malice of Satan, he fell by transgression from that first estate, Thou didst not leave him still to perish utterly in his fall, but wast pleased to raise him up again, and to restore him to the joyful hope of everlasting life, by the promise of redemption through Jesus Christ; who, being God of God, very God of very God, dwelling in the bosom of the Father, with unspeakable blessedness from all eternity, at last, when the fulness of the time was come, came down from heaven, and became man, for us men, and for our salvation.

Grant, O most merciful Father, we beseech Thee, that in this new world of grace, revealed through the gospel, we may be able to put away from us all disorder and sin, and to walk before Thee in a life of holy obedience to all Thy commandments, showing forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvellous light.

Give us singleness of eye, and simplicity of purpose in Thy service; that we may be faithful followers of those who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises; looking always unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Make us willing to hear His voice, and to bear His yoke. Let the same mind be in us, which was also in Him; so that it may be our meat and drink to do Thy will, and to finish the work Thou hast appointed for us in the world. And thus, having continued faithful unto death, may we receive at last the crown of righteousness, which is promised to all them who love the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. To whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and praise, world without end. Amen.

J. W. Nevin.



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GO not far from me, O my Strength,
Whom all my times obey;
Take from me any thing Thou wilt,
But go not Thou away,—
And let the storm that does Thy work
Deal with me as it may.

2 On Thy compassion I repose,
In weakness and distress:
I will not ask for greater ease,
Lest I should love Thee less.
O, 'tis a blessed thing for me
To need Thy tenderness.

3 While many sympathizing hearts
For my deliverance care,
Thou, in Thy wiser, stronger love,
Art teaching me to bear,
By the sweet voice of thankful song,
And calm confiding prayer.

4 Thy love has many a lighted path
No outward eye can trace,
And my heart sees Thee in the deep,
With darkness on its face,
And communes with Thee 'mid the storm,
As in a secret place.

5 O Comforter of God's redeemed,
Whom the world does not see;
What hand should pluck me from the flood
That casts my soul on Thee?
Who would not suffer pain like mine,
To be consoled like me?

6 When I am feeble as a child,
And flesh and heart give way,
Then on Thy everlasting strength
With passive trust I stay:
And the rough wind becomes a song,
The darkness shines like day.

Anna L. Waring.

BE ye thankful.

2 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another, in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs; singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

3 And whatsoever ye do in word, or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

4 We give thanks to God, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you.

5 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

6 In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

7 O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

8 For who hath known the mind of the LORD? or who hath been his counsellor?

9 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed to him again?

10 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things; to whom be glory forever. Amen.

11 Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs; singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

12 Giving thanks always, for all things, unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

13 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgments.

14 O come, let us sing unto the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

15 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

16 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

17 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.

18 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

19 Know ye that the LORD, he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXIV.

OUR FATHER, who art in Heaven, we come before Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and we pray that the Holy Spirit may revive and quicken us by His divine influence on our hearts.

We confess that we are sinners: we have forsaken Thee; we have gone astray like lost sheep. But Thou hast assured us that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin, and that if we confess and forsake our sins, we shall find mercy.

We give Thee sincere and hearty thanks, for Thy care over us since our earliest infancy, and that our lot in life has been crowned with Thy goodness. For civil and religious liberty; for institutions of learning, and the benefits of Christian education; for food and raiment; for homes, and friends, and social comforts; for all the fountains of joy and peace opened for us in Thy providence, we feel moved to thank the Lord, the bountiful Giver, from whom we receive every good and perfect gift.

But we desire, especially, to praise and magnify Thy name for the revelation of Thy will in the Holy Scriptures; for the glorious gospel of Thy grace, which brings life and immortality to light; and for Jesus Christ our Saviour, who being the eternal Son of God, became man, and died on Calvary to redeem sinners of the human family.

When we remember Thy loving-kindness to the sons of men, we desire, with sincere and devout heart, to join with all creatures in heaven and on the earth, and to ascribe blessing, and honor, and glory, and power unto Him that sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever.

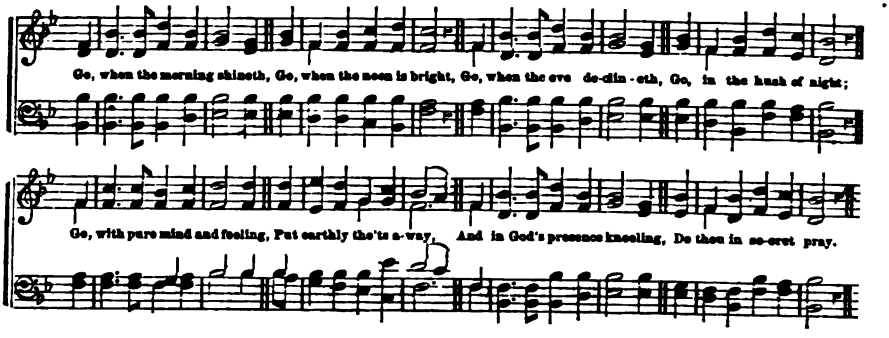
We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten our minds in the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and that we may attain unto that wisdom which is from above.

And may we have such a deep and impressive sense of the divine goodness, that we shall be inclined to consecrate our hearts unto Thee, and make it the chief end of our being to manifest Thy glory before men, so that we shall be prepared to enjoy Thee forever in the temple above.

And may the blessings which we enjoy be extended to all people. May the time soon come, when the light of science and of our holy religion will shine upon those who are now sitting in darkness. And so, let the people praise Thee, O Lord! let all the people praise Thee.

Grant this, our humble prayer, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, in all ages, world without end. Amen.

William Maclaren.



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GO, when the morning shineth,
Go, when the noon is bright,
Go, when the eve declineth,
Go, in the hush of night;
Go, with pure mind and feeling,
Put earthly thoughts away;
And, in God's presence kneeling,
Do thou in secret pray.

2 Remember all who love thee,
All who are loved by thee;
Pray, too, for those who hate thee,
If any such there be;
Then for thyself, in meekness,
A blessing humbly claim,
And blend with each petition,
Thy great Redeemer's name.

3 Or, if 'tis e'er denied thee
In solitude to pray,
Should holy thoughts come o'er thee,
When friends are round thy way,
Ev'n then, the silent breathing
Thy spirit lifts above,
Will reach His throne of glory,
Where dwells eternal love.

4 Oh, not a joy or blessing
With this can we compare—
The grace our Father gives us
To pour our souls in prayer!
When thou dost pine in sadness,
On Him who saveth call;
And ever in thy gladness,
Thank Him who gave thee all.

Montgomery.

THE inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts. I will go also.

2 Be careful for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

3 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

4 Pray without ceasing.

5 I will, therefore, that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

6 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

7 Jesus spake a parable unto them to this end, That men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

8 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, nor regarded man: and there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

9 And he would not for awhile, but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man, yet because this widow troubleth me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

10 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith; and shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.

11 Thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel: Seek ye me, and ye shall live.

12 Thus saith the LORD God: I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them.

13 And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

14 And ye shall seek me, and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

15 Let us, therefore, come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

16 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.

17 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

18 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

19 If any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob: thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.

20 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXV.

WE THANK Thee, O God, that Thou hast made it our imperative duty, and most precious privilege to hold communion with the Father of our spirits, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. We implore the aid of Thy good Spirit, that with the simple confidence of a child, we may ask those things which we need; and we rejoice that Thou art more willing to give Thy good Spirit, than any earthly parent to give good gifts to his child; and, that asking this we may never ask amiss. O, teach us by this divine influence, to love and trust Thee as we ought.

But, how slow are we to take Thee at Thy word! Lord, have mercy on this dark, perverse spirit of ours, blinded by sin, leading us captive, and alienating us from our allegiance to God and duty. Deliver us from this evil heart of unbelief, and give us a new heart of trusting, loving, devoted obedience to Thee and Thy blessed word, then shall we rejoice all the day in the light of Thy countenance, in the hope of Thy glory.

As teachers, prepare us for the duties before us,—the responsibility of guiding these immortal minds aright, of moulding these plastic natures, by the power of truth and love, into the dignity of true manhood, and the beauty of a holy womanhood, towards the image and power of the Great Master, the loving Jesus.

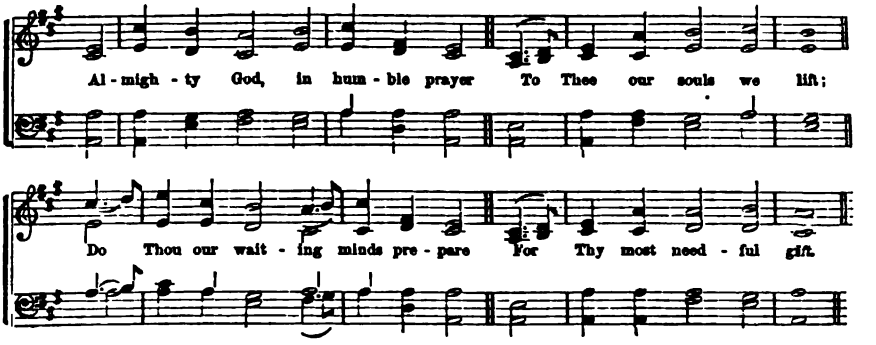
Oh, who is sufficient for these things? Be Thou our Helper, our Wisdom, our Success, and Thine shall be the praise.

As pupils, let us more clearly apprehend Thee, our God, as the Author of all truth, knowledge and science; that with greater earnestness and fidelity we may advance towards the blessed Source of light and love. Help us, ever, as teachers and scholars, to study Thy Word, as the direct expression of Thy will, and as alone containing that truth which is able to make us wise unto salvation.

We pray that the blessings which we enjoy, and more, may speedily be given to all the benighted sons and daughters of men, and that thus Thy kingdom may come with all its power to save the ignorant and perishing, the world over.

May each of us find it our duty, and our joy, to work with all the noble and the good, to resist the powers of darkness, and thus diffuse a genial and vigorous influence for truth and virtue all around, and tc Thy name be ascriptions of glory, honor and power forever.

Alfred Holbrook.



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ALMIGHTY God, in humble prayer,
To Thee our souls we lift;
Do Thou our waiting minds prepare
For Thy most needful gift.

2 We ask not golden streams of wealth
Along our path to flow;
We ask not undecaying health,
Nor length of years below;

3 We ask not honors, which an hour
May bring and take away:
We ask not pleasure, pomp, and power,—
Lest we should go astray:

4 We ask for wisdom; Lord, impart
The knowledge how to live:
A wise and understanding heart
To all before Thee, give.

Montgomery.

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GIVE ear unto my words, O Lord,
My meditation weigh;
Hear my loud cry, my King, my God;
For I to Thee will pray.

2 Lord, Thou shalt early hear my voice;
I early will direct
My pray'r to Thee; and, looking up,
An answer will expect.

3 For Thou art not a God that doth
In wickedness delight;
Neither shall evil dwell with Thee,
Nor fools stand in Thy sight.

4 But I into Thy house will come
In Thine abundant grace;
And I will worship in Thy fear
Toward Thy holy place.

Scotch Version.

TEACH us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.

2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously.

3 When ye pray use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

4 Be not ye, therefore, like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.

5 How many are mine iniquities and sins? Make me to know my transgression and my sin.

6 I am thy servant, give me understanding that I may know thy testimonies.

7 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

8 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins: let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

9 With my whole heart have I sought thee; O let me not wander from thy commandments.

10 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; save me for thy mercies' sake.

11 And the servant of Abraham said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee send me good speed this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

12 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou those that are appointed to die.

13 O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath; neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

14 Send thine hand from above; rescue and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children.

15 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

16 Evening, and morning, and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud, and he shall hear my voice. Be merciful unto me, O LORD, for I cry unto thee daily.

17 At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them.

18 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

19 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

20 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXVI.

ALMIGHTY GOD! do Thou teach us to pray. In all our approaches to Thee, may we enjoy the guidance of heavenly wisdom. Give us the proper spirit and language of prayer, and keep us from all vain repetitions.

We ask, O God, to be cleansed from sins of heart and life, and to be kept from the dominion of any iniquity. And that we may live uprightly before Thee, be pleased to give us a saving knowledge of Thy word. Keep us at all times in the right way, and engage our whole heart in Thy service. O make Thy face to shine upon us; and for Thy great mercies' sake, deliver us from all evil.

We ask Thee to prosper us this day in every good work, and at no time withhold Thy loving-kindness from our souls. O Lord God of Abraham, do Thou help us continually.

And Thou, God of mercy, open Thine ear to the sighing of the needy, and according to the greatness of Thy power, save all who are nigh unto death. Let no chastisement come upon us in wrath, but do Thou remember mercy. To Thee, O God, we look for deliverance in all seasons of sorrow and trial. Help us ever to remember our frailty, and teach us to improve our time with a wise reference to eternity.

O Lord, give us the habit of prayer. May the loud cry of our needy souls go up to Thee at morning, noon, and night. May we, like Paul and Silas, be ready to praise Thee at midnight. O God, help us to look up by faith, and to wait for Thy blessing. Lead us to pray in secret, as well as in public. May we all have a place of secret prayer, and take encouragement from the promise that our Heavenly Father will reward us openly. O Lord, let Thy blessing be upon us as our souls require, and ever lead us to Christ the Rock of ages.

And now, to Him who is able to do all these things for us, and to save us from all the guilt and misery of sin, be ascriptions of glory, honor, and praise, world without end. Amen.

John B. Clark.

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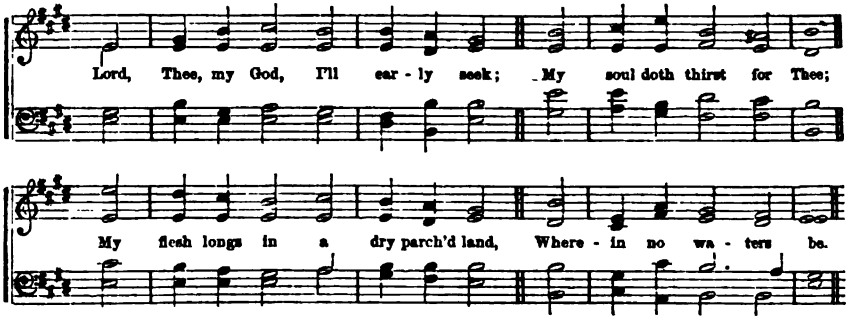

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LORD, Thee my God, I'll early seek;
My soul, doth thirst for Thee;
My flesh longs in a dry parched land,
Wherein no waters be.

2 That I Thy power may behold,
And brightness of Thy face,
As I have seen Thee heretofore
Within Thy holy place.

3 Since better is Thy love than life,
My lips Thee praise shall give.
I in Thy name will lift my hands,
And bless Thee while I live.

4 In shadow of Thy wings I'll joy;
For Thou mine help hast been,
My soul Thee follows hard; and me
Thy right hand doth sustain.

Scotch Version.

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I LOVE the Lord; He heard my cries,
And pitied every groan;
Long as I live, when troubles rise,
I'll hasten to His throne.

2 I love the Lord; He bowed His ear,
And chased my grief away;
Oh, let my heart no more despair,
While I have breath to pray!

3 The Lord beheld me sore distressed,
He bade my pains remove,
Return, my soul, to God, thy rest,
For thou hast known His love!

4 My God hath saved my soul from death,
And dried my falling tears:
Now to His praise I'll spend my breath,
And my remaining years.

Watts.

IN my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

2 And I, Daniel, set my face unto the LORD God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth and ashes;

3 And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin, and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplications before the LORD my God, for the holy mountain of my God;

4 Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation;

5 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

6 At the beginning of thy supplications, the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee, for thou art greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

7 And he said unto Lot, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city for the which thou hast spoken.

8 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

9 In the day when I cried, thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

10 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah, the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David, thy father; I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee; on the third day thou shalt go up into the house of the LORD.

11 Thou hast heard my voice, hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

12 Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee; thou saidst, Fear not.

13 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD; and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

14 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD and he answered them.

15 Then Isaiah, the son of Amos, sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib, the King of Assyria, I have heard.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXVII.

MOST merciful and gracious Father, Thy promise in Jesus, our Saviour, is to hear and answer prayer.

We rejoice and give thanks unto Thee, that Thou hast heard the voice of our supplications, and made us to behold the fulfilment of what Thou hast declared unto us in Thy word. We bless Thee, O Lord, that Thou art a refuge for us in every distress, and that we may come to Thy throne of grace in all times of trouble, and find support and consolation. O, fill our hearts with thankfulness and love to Thee, for Thine infinite goodness and mercy. Thou art gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy. Thou art good to all, and Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works. And Thou, O Lord, art nigh unto all them that call upon Thee, and dost uphold all that fall and are bowed down with sorrow and trouble. May we, who have been made at this time, to taste of Thy goodness, and to receive from Thee gracious answers to the prayers that we have offered before Thee, be ever kept from departing from Thy ways or forgetting Thy loving-kindness toward us.

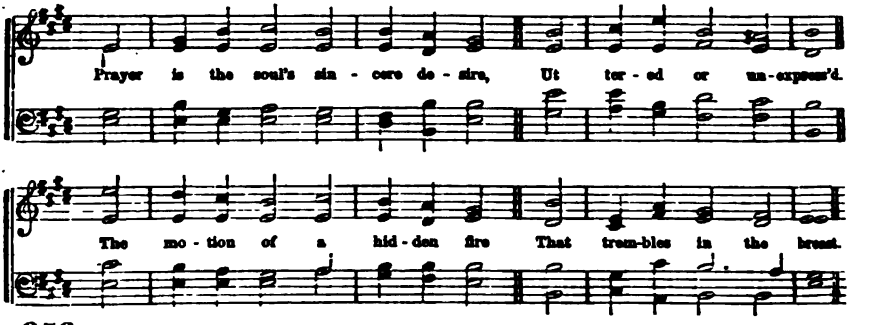
Teach us to love Thee, O blessed Saviour, more fervently than we have ever done before. May Thy Holy Spirit abide in our hearts, that we may be gently led in ways of holiness and truth all our days. Leave us not to ourselves, but be Thou the guide of our lives, that amid the busy scenes of the world, and exposed to its allurements, we may live as seeing those things which are invisible, and do all things to the honor of Thy holy name.

May we ever seek to know Thy will concerning us, and in sweet submission to Thy righteous purposes, endeavor to glorify Thee in our bodies and in our spirits which are Thine.

Help us to love Thy word, which giveth light. We bless Thee, that in it we find infinite love and mercy for helpless, sinful man,—that it reveals to us a fountain opened for sin and uncleanness. May we not turn to any streams of earthly good, but here find a full and everlasting supply for every want. May we never doubt Thy willingness to bestow on us this mercy and love. We have, O Lord, richly experienced Thy love in our past lives. We call to remembrance Thy great goodness. We have the evidence that Thou dost love us. Thou didst draw near to us in the day that we called upon Thee. Thou hast answered our prayers, and hast given us strength in the day of trouble. May we never doubt Thy love for the days to come. Increase our faith, that never distrusting Thy promises, we may continually have Thy presence with us. For in Thy strength only can we overcome the world, and find an entrance into Thy kingdom.

Keep us from temptation, and deliver us, O most merciful Saviour, from every besetting sin. Make us pure in heart, that we may know Thee, and may enjoy Thee forever. And unto Him that loved and washed us from our sins in His own blood, be glory and honor for evermore. Amen.

I. Oliver Sloan.



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PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a bidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

2 Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

4 Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice,
And cry, "Behold, he prays!"

5 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death:
He enters heaven with prayer.

6 The saints in prayer appear as one,
In word, and deed, and mind,
While with the Father and the Son
Sweet fellowship they find.

7 Nor prayer is made on earth alone,
The Holy Spirit pleads;
And Jesus, on the eternal throne,
For mourners intercedes.

8 O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way!
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod;
Lord! teach us how to pray.

Montgomery.

AND Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

2 David, therefore, besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in and lay all night upon the earth.

3 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

4 Now therefore, arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

5 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

6 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

7 The Lord make you to increase and abound in love, one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you.

8 Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee!

9 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends; also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

10 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers, with a pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers, night and day.

11 I prayed, therefore, unto the LORD, and said, O LORD God, destroy not thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

12 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers.

13 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever.

14 O LORD God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee.

15 Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

16 What can David speak more to thee, for the honor of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant.

17 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David, my father.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXVIII.

O THOU glorious Jehovah, upon whom Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles were wont to call; Thou prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God, we beseech Thee smile upon us at this time. Needy and dependent, we cast ourselves upon the assurances of Thy compassion. We would confess and bewail our sinfulness, our selfishness, pride, unbelief, ingratitude, and every unholy affection, beseeching Thee by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Saviour, to renew our natures, to purge away our guilt, to pardon us mercifully, and receive us graciously.

Bless all accustomed here to assemble, and make this no less a school and nursery of piety than of science. While the intellect is thoroughly disciplined, and the mind stored with useful knowledge, may the heart be imbued with the principles of pure Christianity. May all connected with this institution be truly Thine. May our physical, intellectual and moral energies, faculties of body, powers of mind, affections of heart, all we have and are, be fully consecrated to Thee. In our studies, and in every pursuit, may we seek Thine aid, and above all, Thy glory. May those here bearing the Christian name, so exemplify the Christian character, that their associates shall take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus, and learned of Him. May teachers and pupils so acknowledge Thee, that Thou canst consistently acknowledge and honor them. Make us to abound in love toward one another and toward all men.

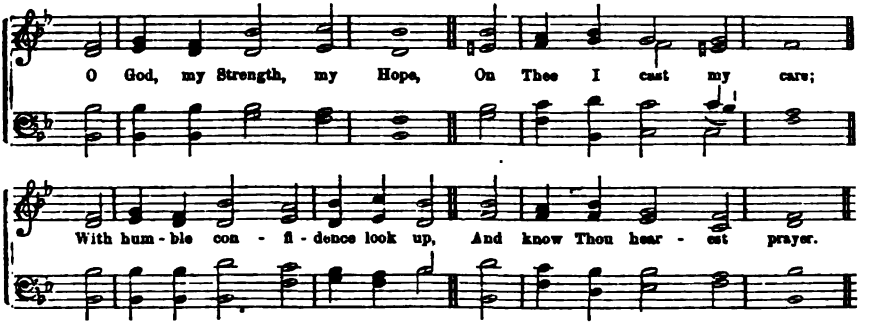
Bless our kindred and friends, the destitute, the sick, the bereaved, the soldier, the sailor, the traveller, the stranger—all classes.

Bless our country. Look down from heaven, Thy holy habitation, and bless this goodly heritage, which Thou hast given us. Bless Thy servant, the Chief Magistrate of the nation, and all associated with him in counsel and authority. Give them the wisdom they need, and may the stars and stripes always and every where be emblematic of a true Christian civilization. May this land, where our pilgrim and revolutionary fathers fought, and bled, and died, and where their sons have fallen upon the high places of the field—this land, which Thou hast redeemed with a mighty hand—speedily become Emmanuel's land, a praise in all the earth.

Revive religion in all our borders. May all classes be enlightened in the true knowledge of God, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. May all lands speedily be brought to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of lost men. Let the institutions of Christian civilization be speedily and universally established.

Again we commend ourselves to Thee. O keep us this day, as in the hollow of Thy hand. We would acknowledge Thee in all our ways, that Thou mayest direct our paths. Be Thou our constant Guide and Helper. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and who hath taught us to say,—Our Father who art in Heaven, &c.

Mead Holmes.



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O GOD! my Strength, my Hope,
On Thee I cast my care,
With humble confidence look up,
And know Thou hearest prayer.

2 Oh, for a godly fear,
A quick, discerning eye,
That looks to Thee when sin is near,
And sees the tempter fly!—

3 A spirit still prepared,
And armed with jealous care,
Forever standing on its guard,
And watching unto prayer!

4 Lord, let me still abide,
Nor from my hope remove,
Till Thou my patient spirit guide
Into Thy perfect love.

C. Wesley.

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FROM lowest depths of woe,
To God I send my cry:
Lord! hear my supplicating voice,
And graciously reply.

2 Shouldst Thou severely judge,
Who can the trial bear?
But Thou forgiv'st, lest we despond,
And quite renounce Thy fear.

3 My soul with patience waits
For Thee, the living Lord,
My hopes are on Thy promise built,
Thy never-failing word.

4 My longing eyes look out
For Thine enlivening ray,
More duly than the morning watch
To spy the dawning day.

Tate—Brady

THEY have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds; they assembled themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me.

2 Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers; these shall receive greater damnation.

8 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD, say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously; so will we render the calves of our lips.

4 When thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

5 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

6 Then Job answered the LORD, and said, Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand upon my mouth. Once have I spoken, but I will not answer, yea, twice, but I will proceed no further.

7 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear me.

8 Because I have called, and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

9 But ye have set at naught all my counsel and would none of my reproof; I, also, will laugh at your calamity;

10 I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind.

11 Seek ye the LORD, while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near. Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

12 He said that he would destroy them, had not Moses, his chosen, stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

13 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken, for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

14 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

15 If from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

16 The LORD is far from the wicked, but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

17 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXIX.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Thou art, indeed, our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not. Yet we, Thy prodigal sons, all sunken in sin, corrupt, condemned, dare not approach unto Thee in our own unworthy names. We thank Thee, that we have an Advocate, a Mediator, at Thy right hand. And in His adorable and blessed name we presume to come. We plead His righteousness, His atoning sacrifice alone. For His name's sake let Thy ear attend to the voice of our cry, our King and our God.

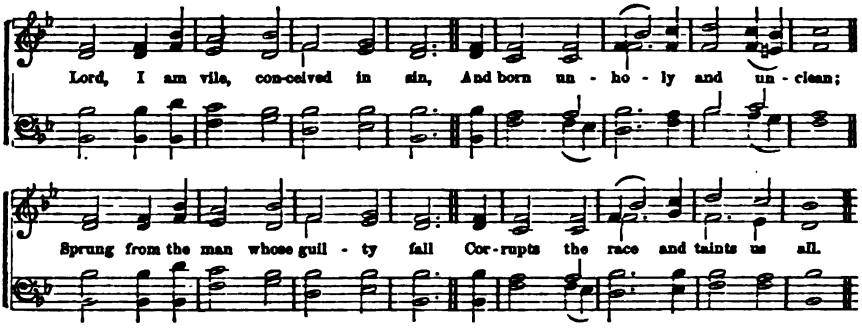
Hast Thou not promised an answer when we plead His name before Thee?

O Lord, grant unto us that measure of faith which shall warrant us in claiming the response from Thy presence. Make us earnest, unwavering, sincere, reliant, as we approach Thy mercy-seat with petitions. Lord, teach us how to pray—how to pray in Jesus' name. Teach us for what to pray. Enlighten us with a knowledge of Thyself, and our own sinfulness and need, that we may know and feel our weakness and our wants. For we are deeply conscious that we know not what we should pray for as we ought. O, command Thy Spirit to help our infirmities; itself to make intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered.

Gracious Master, be pleased, we beseech Thee, to take away all regard for iniquity in our hearts. Take away all iniquity itself, that being made pure in Thy sight, through the blood of the Lamb, our prayers may be rendered acceptable, and Thou mayest receive us graciously.

We cast ourselves upon Thee, and upon Thee alone. Guilty, wretched, helpless, lost, we bow as suppliants at Thy footstool. O grant us grace in Thy sight. Nourish the life of Thy dear Son within us, we humbly implore Thee, that we may be made like Him, that we may grow more and more like Him every day of our mortal lives. Give us all the Christian graces in abundance, and in constant exercise and development. Above all, insure unto us the forgiveness of our sins, and a hope of everlasting life through the covenant mercies of Thy eternal love. Graciously hear our prayers, and hearing, answer and forgive, through the bleeding love of Thy only Son, our accepted Redeemer. To whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, we ascribe the praise forever. Amen.

A. A. E. Taylor.



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LORD, I am vile, conceived in sin,
And born unholy and unclean:
Sprung from the man whose guilty fall
Corrupts the race, and taints us all.

2 Soon as we draw our infant breath,
The seeds of sin grow up for death:
Thy law demands a perfect heart;
But we're defiled in every part.

3 No bleeding bird, nor bleeding beast,
Nor hyssop branch, nor sprinkling priest,
Nor running brook, nor flood, nor sea,
Can wash the dismal stain away.

4 Jesus, my God! Thy blood alone
Hath power sufficient to atone:
Thy blood can make me white as snow;
No Jewish types could cleanse me so.

Watts.

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HAVE mercy, Lord! with guilt oppressed
I on Thy loving-kindness rest;
Blot out the blackness Thou hast seen,
And wash my guilty spirit clean.

2 Against Thee, Lord, my sins arise,
Aimed at Thy throne, beneath Thine eyes:
Thy righteous sentence, I revere:
I am condemned, but Thou art clear.

3 From sin I drew this seed of death;
In sin my mother gave me breath:
But spotless truth Thou seek'st within.
And there, shalt cleanse the fount of sin.

4 Oh, let me hear Thy sovereign voice,
Till all my aching frame rejoice;
My deep transgressions cover o'er,
And blot them to appear no more.

American Metrical Psalter.

FORGIVE us our sins, for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.

2 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

8 Speak unto the children of Israel, When a man or a woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty, then they shall confess their sin which they have done.

4 He looketh upon man, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not:

5 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

6 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

7 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing.

8 I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

9 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay my hand upon my mouth. Now mine eye seeth thee; wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

10 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven; but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

11 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

12 I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin. I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

13 Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.

14 The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us that we have sinned! For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us.

15 Confess your faults, one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

16 O LORD, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXX.

O GOD, we know that Thou art holy. Thy perfections far transcend our power to understand them. Thou alone art, of Thyself, omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient. Thy love is boundless, Thy goodness infinite. Thy mercy is ever ready to be shown to the erring children of men, and Thy justice knows no partiality. So pure art Thou that nothing unclean can withstand Thy presence.

O God, while Thou art holy, we are sinful. We have strayed away from Thee like lost sheep from their shepherd. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have oftentimes broken Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Our acts are unworthy of beings created in Thy image, and deep down in our inmost hearts we are conscious of wicked thoughts. We have not loved Thee, our God, with all our hearts, and with all our souls, and with all our minds; nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have stifled the promptings of Thy Spirit and sought earthly, selfish ends instead of those which are high and heavenly.

O God, if Thou shouldst examine our acts or search our hearts to-day, we fear Thou wouldst find much to condemn in us. We humbly confess our shortcomings. As students, it is our duty to be kind to one another, to be faithful in the performance of our allotted work, to be obedient to the authorities set over us, and to give Thee honor for the talents Thou hast intrusted to our care, and for the opportunity we enjoy for increasing those talents; and yet, some of us have forgotten these duties, and others have performed them imperfectly.

As teachers, it is our duty to care for those committed to our charge, to instruct them not only in that knowledge which pertains to this world, but in that which will be profitable in the world to come; and yet, we feel that we have done less than our duty—less than faithful stewards would have done.

O God, who art always more ready to hear our prayers than we are to pray, we feel the need of Thy mercy. We cannot throw off our load of guilt without Thy help. Our sins are greater than we can bear: O vouchsafe us Thy pardon.

Enable us to discharge, acceptably in Thy sight, our several duties as teachers and pupils. Give wisdom and patience to those who teach, and docility and love of knowledge to those who are to receive instruction. Pour out Thy Spirit upon all connected with this institution of learning, enlighten our minds with Thy holy truth, lead us in the way of righteousness, and take us to Thyself, at last, when our work upon earth is done, through the mediation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ,—the Saviour of men. Amen.

J. P. Wickersham.

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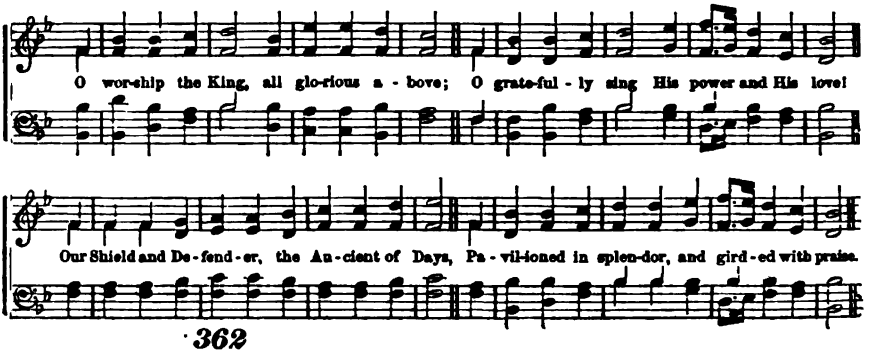

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OH, worship the King, all glorious above;
Oh, gratefully sing His power and His love!
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2 Oh, tell of His might, oh, sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy, space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plains,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rains.

4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Sir R. Grant.

MY heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day.

2 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall be continually in my mouth. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

3 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God, while I have my being.

5 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

6 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting; and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

7 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people, I will sing unto thee among the nations.

8 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. Praise ye the LORD.

9 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

10 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice; the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing: let them shout from the top of the mountains.

11 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.

12 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

13 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD; thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

14 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

15 To the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

16 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things; to whom be glory forever. Amen.

17 And blessed be his glorious name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.

18 And after these things, I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia: Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXXI.

O LORD, we would come before Thee at this time with reverence and deep humility, trusting for acceptance to the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. We humbly adore Thee as our Almighty Maker, our ever-watchful Guardian, our bountiful and unwearied Benefactor from whom cometh every good and perfect gift.

We praise Thee as the God of salvation; who hast not left us to perish in our state of sin and misery, but hast redeemed us by the precious blood of Thine own Son. We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word, and for the ordinances of religion, and for Thy enlightening and sanctifying Spirit, and for all the blessings of Thy daily providence and grace.

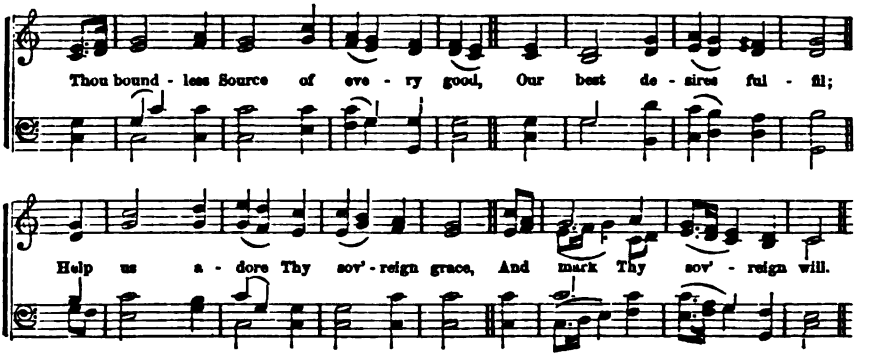
We are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies, for we have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness, and blot out all our transgressions. Grant us grace to repent of all our sins, and to receive and rest on Jesus Christ alone for salvation; and, believing in Him, may we be justified and accepted on the ground of His righteousness, and be changed into His image from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord. May we drink deeply of His Spirit, and daily copy His example, and whatsoever we do in word or deed, may we do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Henceforward may we set a high value on our time and privileges, and improve every hour and every mercy to Thy glory, and to the advancement of our own highest interests. We here dedicate ourselves a living sacrifice to Thee. Accept us, O Lord, and make us wholly thine. Use us for the advancement of Thine own cause; and make us the honored instruments of extending the Redeemer's kingdom, and of glorifying Thy most holy name.

May we bear in mind continually that Thou God seest us, and that for all our actions Thou wilt bring us into judgment. May we do with all our might what our hands find to do. May we so employ our means of grace and opportunities of usefulness, that in the last great day the righteous Judge shall say to us, Well done, good and faithful servants; enter ye into the joy of your Lord.

Bless this institution of learning, and make it useful in Thy cause. May the teachers and pupils be favored with Thy guidance and Thy Spirit. Remember our parents and all that are dear to us, and bestow upon them grace, mercy and peace. Pour out Thy Spirit upon Thy church and people, and convert sinners from the error of their ways. May our rulers be enlightened with wisdom from on high, and may they rule in Thy fear. May glory dwell in our land; and let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God.

In Thy great mercy and condescension, accept these our humble supplications for Christ's sake; and Thine shall be the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen. *William Sterling.*



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THOU boundless source of every good,
Our best desires fulfil:
Help us adore Thy sovereign grace,
And mark Thy sovereign will.

2 In all Thy mercies may our souls
Thy bounteous goodness see;
Nor let the gifts Thy grace imparts,
Estrange our hearts from Thee.

3 In every changing scene of life,
Whate'er that scene may be,
Give us a meek and humble mind,
A mind at peace with Thee.

4 Do Thou direct our souls aright;
Help us Thy name to fear;
O, give us grace to watch and pray,
And strength to persevere.

Raffles.

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OUR Father, God, who art in heaven,
All hallowed be Thy name!
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
In earth and heaven the same!

2 Give us, this day, our daily bread;
And, as we those forgive
Who sin against us, so may we
Forgiving grace receive.

3 Into temptation lead us not:
From evil set us free;
And Thine the kingdom, Thine the power
And glory, ever be.

Judson.

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Let God the Father, and the Son,
And Spirit, be adored,
Where there are works to make Him known,
Or saints to love the Lord!

CALL upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

2 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD; but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

3 Ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

4 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another, and the LORD hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

5 Then shall ye call me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

6 And ye shall seek me, and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

7 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

8 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying, and making supplication before his God.

9 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children.

10 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach.

11 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

12 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered.

13 Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

14 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

15 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought.

16 I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also.

17 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance, and supplication for all saints.

18 Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving. Pray without ceasing.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXXII.

WE bless Thy name, O God, our Heavenly Father, that through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, we have access to Thy Throne. We thank Thee, that Thou dost permit us to pray, and that Thou hast taught us how to pray. We thank Thee, that we know that Christ is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.

Grant to us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may come to Thee ever in the spirit of that prayer which He taught His disciples. May we come with holy reverence for Thy name, for Thou art a great God, and a great King. May we come earnestly, desiring that Thy spiritual kingdom may be erected in our hearts, and in all the earth, for we know that that kingdom is righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. May we come to Thee in a spirit of true submission to Thy will, sincerely desiring that that will may be accomplished in us, and by us, for we know not how to pray, nor what to pray for as we ought, and Thou knowest our highest good, far better than we ourselves know it.

Give us grace ever to feel our dependence upon Thee, for the food which we need, alike for our bodies, and for our souls; for Thou openest Thy hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Help us, with true penitence, to confess and to forsake our sins, and to seek forgiveness through the blood of Christ, for he tasted death for every man, and hath graciously said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

And that Thou mayest forgive us, give to us a spirit of forgiveness towards those who have done us wrong. Make us wise, that we may avoid temptation, and in every season of temptation mercifully succor us, for Thy Word declares that God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man, but every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from all the evils which threaten our bodies, and which threaten our souls; for Thou hast taught us, that "Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." We know that Thou art able to deliver, to bless, and to save us, in time, and in eternity, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

We ask these favors in the name of Christ, who hath taught us that no man cometh unto the Father but by Him. For His sake hear and answer us. And the glory shall be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Henry Smith.

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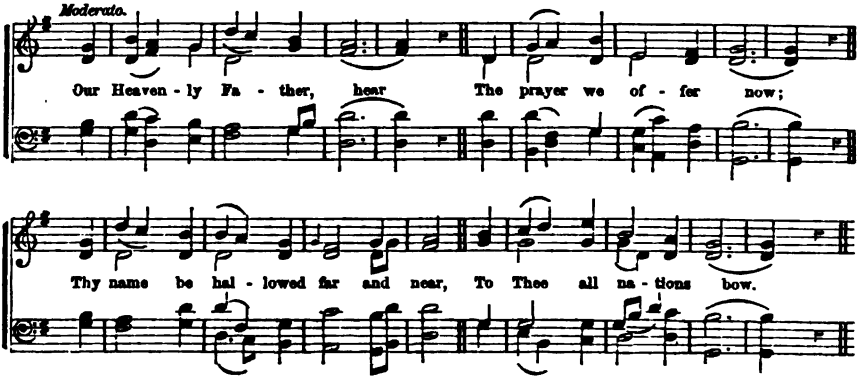

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OUR Heavenly Father, hear
The prayer we offer now;
Thy name be hallowed far and near
To Thee all nations bow.

2 Thy kingdom come; Thy will
On earth be done in love,
As saints and seraphim fulfil
Thy perfect law above.

3 Our daily bread supply,
While by Thy word we live;
The guilt of our iniquity,
Forgive as we forgive.

4 From dark temptation's power,
From Satan's wiles defend,
Deliver in the evil hour,
And guide us to the end.

5 Thine, then, forever be
Glory and power divine;
The sceptre, throne, and majesty
Of heaven and earth are Thine.

6 Thus humbly taught to pray
By Thy beloved Son,
Through Him we come to Thee, and say,
All for His sake be done.

Montgomery.

OUR Father which art in heaven.

2 He came to the house of Mark, where many were gathered together praying.

3 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

4 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.

5 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

6 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

7 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye hear and watch with me.

8 I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men;

9 For kings, and all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

10 Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto, with all perseverance, and supplication for all saints;

11 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.

12 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry to the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hands of the Philistines.

13 Zedekiah, the king, sent Jehucal, the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah, the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.

14 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

15 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me, in your prayers to God for me.

16 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judea; and that my service, which I have for Jerusalem, may be accepted of the saints;

17 That I may come unto you with joy, by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

18 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.

19 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

DOXOLOGY.

To Father, Son, and Spirit,
Eternal One in Three,
As was, and is forever,
All praise and glory be.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXXIII.

ALMIGHTY God and Heavenly Father, who hath promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Thy Son's name, we would draw near by that new and living Way which He hath opened for us.

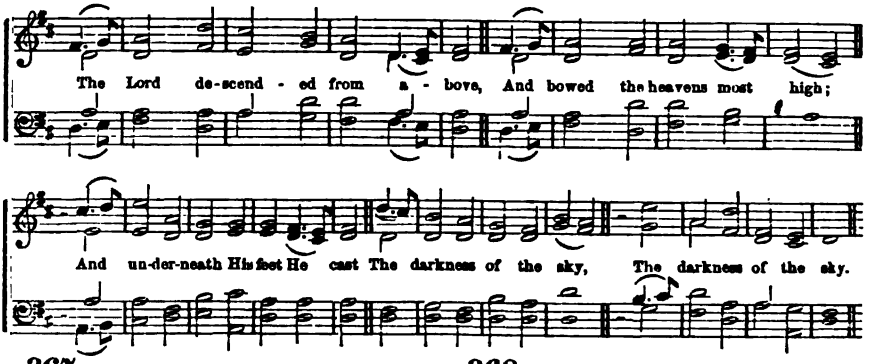
We acknowledge that by our manifold sins we have forfeited Thy favor, and are as exiles from their Father's house. We would come in the spirit of adoption, "crying, Abba, Father." Look Thou upon the face of Thine Anointed, with which Thou art always well pleased, and for His sake hear our petitions and grant our requests. Make us to value more the privilege of prayer.

May we come with the implicit faith of confiding children to a wise and benignant Parent. May we tell Thee all our wants with simple honesty of heart and tongue, and be careful to say nothing which does not express our earnest desires. May we have grace to try our own hearts, and to be sure that we cherish no cravings which we dare not present before God. May our wills be conformed to Thy will in all things. May we speak thoughtfully in God's presence, and make the prayers of every day expressive of the conscious want of that day. Striving against temptation, may we earnestly seek for help.

And while we ask for the supply of our own wants, temporal and spiritual, may we not forget that if we have any right to call Thee "Our Father," it is because we belong to the family of Christ. We would intercede, therefore, for one another, and learn to feel that our blessings are multiplied by distribution. And while we implore that the grace and gifts of God may be bestowed on our brethren as well as ourselves, we would realize that our prayers will not prevail unless their sincerity be witnessed by our deeds. May we be ready to do good unto all men, and in our beneficence may we be like to "our Father in Heaven, who maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Grant us every grace that we require to make us holy in our lives, and devout and brotherly in the Spirit of our prayers: all which we ask, not because we deserve such mercies, but because He is worthy whose name we plead, and who is our Intercessor and Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M. A. De Wolfe Howe.



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THE Lord descended from above,
And bowed the heavens most high;
And underneath His feet He cast
The darkness of the sky.

2 On cherub and on cherubim,
Full royally, he rode;
And on the wings of mighty winds
Came flying all abroad.

3 He sat serene upon the floods,
Their fury to restrain;
And He, as Sovereign, Lord, and King,
For evermore shall reign.

4 Give glory to His awful name
And honor Him alone;
Give worship to His majesty
Upon His holy throne.

Sternhold.

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O FOR a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free!
A heart that's sprinkled with the blood
So freely shed for me.

2 A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.

3 O for a lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean!
Which neither life nor death can part
From Him that dwells within;

4 Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above;
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of love.

C. Wesley.

AFTER this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

2 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.

3 O LORD, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

4 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

5 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

6 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified.

7 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within; and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

9 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.

10 Howbeit, then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

11 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

12 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;

13 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might, by his Spirit, in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

14 May be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

15 Now, unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXXIV.

O THOU, who art the infinite and eternal God, and before whom, as such, angels bow, and archangels veil their faces; Thou who art also the God and Father of us all, and who art worthy of the deepest reverence and love of Thy rational creatures, look upon us in heavenly compassion. As we come before Thee to engage in our appointed worship, impress us with a living sense of Thy majesty and glory, and thus prepare us to render Thee acceptable offerings of adoration and praise.

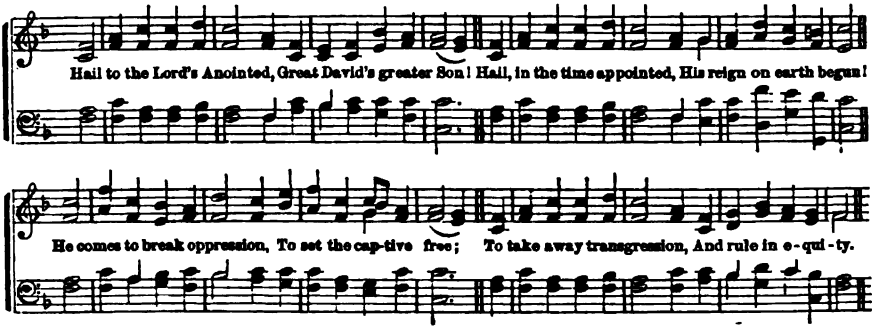
We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. We confess that Thou hast revealed Thyself to us as such, in all Thy marvellous handiwork, so that even in the darkness of our lost estate, we have no need to remain ignorant of Thy being, power, wisdom, goodness and truth. But we lament that, while all Thy works praise Thee, from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, only the rational beings whom Thou hast made and crowned with glory and honor,—only these, O Lord, behold Thee not in all Thy works, and glorify Thee not as the everlasting King. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who with others of our fallen race, have thus forgotten Thee, and have not rendered unto Thee the grateful recognition and the adoring service due to Thy majesty and glory.

We bless Thee, all-merciful God, for the brighter revelation of Thyself, which we behold in Thy holy word. We rejoice that we no longer know the invisible things of Thy nature and will, only through the things which are seen; but that through the manifestation of Thyself in the person of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, we behold Thee, not as through a glass darkly, but face to face. We thank Thee for the devout ministration of prophets, apostles, and holy men of old, who, speaking as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, have given us the knowledge of Thee in this more sure word of prophecy.

We thank Thee for the divine teachings of Him, who, being the brightness of His Father's glory and the express image of His person, has enabled us to behold Thee as the Lord God, merciful and gracious, and able to save unto the uttermost all those who put their trust in Him. Forgive us, O Lord, that we have not followed more implicitly this glorious light which through Thy grace hath been made to arise upon our hearts, and help us to be henceforth mindful of the heavenly vision, in which we may behold the beauty of the Lord, and guided by which we may walk in the paths of righteousness and peace. Pity us, in our weakness and wickedness, O Thou most merciful Father! and turn us away from all vanity and lies, and cause us to know Thee, the only living and true God.

And now, O Lord, bless us as we humbly bow ourselves before the throne of the heavenly grace, and attempt with pure hearts fervently, to ascribe unto Thee the glory and the majesty which are Thy due. And so, by Thy gracious Spirit, perfect us in the work of adoration and praise, that we may hereafter, in the kingdom of light, join with the innumerable multitude in exclaiming, Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the Lord our God and unto the Lamb, forever and ever. Amen.

Frederick S. Jewell.



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HAIL to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy,
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong:
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light;
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

3 Arabia's desert-ranger
To Him shall bow the knee,
The Ethiopian stranger
His glory come to see;
With offerings of devotion,
Ships from the Isles shall meet,
To pour the wealth of ocean
In tribute at His feet.

4 Kings shall fall down before Him,
And gold and incense bring,
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing:
For He shall have dominion
O'er river, sea, and shore,
Far as the eagle's pinion
Or dove's light wing can soar.

Montgomery.

THY kingdom come.

2 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him flee before him: as smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 The angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God. Thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

4 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

5 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end. How great are his signs, and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

6 Give him no rest till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

7 He said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

8 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God, for Israel is, that they might be saved.

9 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe; and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually. I have gone astray, like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

10 The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God, your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

11 And there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.

12 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly; Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

13 I have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion, I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

14 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

15 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

16 Those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

17 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

18 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them; for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with him, are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXXV.

WE THANK Thee, O God, that this earth shall not always be a region and shadow of death; that the time will come when the music of Sabbath bells shall be heard in all lands, and Thy great name shall be every where adored among the sons of men.

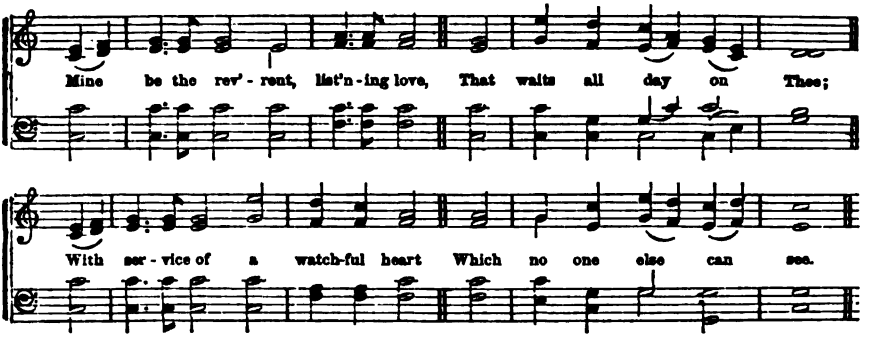
If it be Thy will, let the day of Gospel triumph speedily come. Let the nations hear the good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Let Zion arise and shine, and the Gentiles come to her light, and kings to the brightness of her rising; and let the swift beams of the Sun of righteousness pierce the depths of every continent, and reach every lonely isle of the sea, till all shall know Thee, and the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.

Visit with Thy favor all who labor in word and doctrine, in all Thy churches. May Thy ministers be clothed with salvation, and Thy people be strong in the Lord. Grant that Thy word may fall with power upon the hearts and consciences of them that hear it. May Thy messengers who have gone afar to tell of Jesus Christ and Him crucified, know assuredly that Thou art with them alway, even unto the end of the world. May the dark places of the earth be no more full of the habitations of cruelty. May the heathen cast away their idols, and bow before Thee, the only living and true God; and the Infinite Redeemer, full of grace and truth, see of the travail of His soul, and be satisfied.

We beseech Thee, Father Almighty, to smile upon this our land, the goodly heritage which Thou hast given us. Save us from the sins which provoke Thy just displeasure, and which turn from men the streams of Thy mercy. Save us from forgetfulness of Thee, from pride and cruelty, from oppression, and wrong of every kind. And, if Thou in Thy infinite goodness, buildest us up in might among the nations, may we be witnesses for Thee, and ever be found on the side of justice, humanity, and the law of our God.

We pray that we who worship before Thee this hour, may ever fear Thee and love Thee. For Jesus' sake, forgive our manifold sins. Save us from every thing that wars against the soul. May we delight to obey Thee in all things; and by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory, and honor, and immortality. And at last may we attain eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

J. T. Crane.



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MINE be the reverent, listening love,
That waits all day on Thee,
With service of a watchful heart
Which no one else can see,—

2 The faith that, in a hidden way,
No other eye may know,
Finds all its daily work prepared,
And loves to have it so.

3 My heart is resting, O my God,
My heart is in Thy care:
I hear the voice of joy and health
Resounding every where.

4 "Thou art my portion," saith my soul,
Ten thousand voices say,
The music of their glad Amen,
Will never die away.

Anna L. Waring.

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SUBMISSIVE to Thy will, my God,
I all to Thee resign;
Bowing beneath Thy chastening rod,
I mourn, but not repine.

2 Why should my foolish heart complain,
When wisdom, truth, and love,
Direct the stroke, inflict the pain,
And point to joys above?

3 How short are all my sufferings here!
How needful every cross!
Away, my unbelieving fear,
Nor call my gain, my loss!

4 Then give, O Lord, or take away;
I'll bless Thy sacred name:
My Saviour, yesterday, to-day,
Forever is the same.

Hawaii.

THY will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

2 It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

3 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

4 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

5 I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart.

6 Samuel told Eli every whit, and hid nothing from him. And Eli said, It is the LORD; let him do what seemeth him good.

7 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground and worshipped;

8 And said, The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away: blessed be the name of the LORD.

9 And when Paul would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

10 Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

11 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

12 And Jesus was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.

13 Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

14 I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing.

15 Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

16 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is in me bless his holy name.

17 The God of peace make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

18 Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God; thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

19 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXXVI.

O GOD, as we begin this new day, may it be with this prayer on our lips and in our hearts, THY WILL BE DONE. That will, we know, is always right and best. Thy ways are higher than our ways, and Thy thoughts than our thoughts. May we study Thy will as taught in Thy Word, and walk by that rule. Write Thy law in our hearts, so that to obey Thee shall not be a hard task, but the act of love as well as of duty. Keep us this day without sin. Keep us from pride and vanity. Make us little in our own esteem, content to dwell in a low place.

Keep us from anger, breaking out in cruel words that cannot be recalled. Teach us the gentleness of Christ. If others wrong us, may we forgive them, as we hope to be forgiven.

That we may do Thy will, O God, be Thou with us. In all our weakness may we lean on Thee. Thou art great and high, and we are weak and small. But Thou canst make the poor rich, and the weak strong, and revive the faint in heart.

We need Thy grace to bear all the changes of our lot. Each day brings its cares and trials. Each day we have need of patience. Disappointments meet us at every step. But is not this a part of that gentle discipline, by which Thou dost bring us nearer to Thee? Can we not trust Thee still? When our way is overcast; when days are dark, and clouds return after the rain, may we cling to this assurance that Thou art our Father. Give us a childlike faith in Thy providence. May we take hold of Thy hand and be led by Thee all our journey through.

If ever our trials seem greater than we can bear, may we turn to the Great Sufferer, and as we see Him going forth bearing His cross, may we meekly follow after. When death comes to our homes; when father and mother are taken from us; when we go to the grave to weep there, may He who came to comfort Mary and Martha concerning their brother, whisper to us, Thy dead shall rise again.

Thus comforted, we would learn to say, not in sadness, but in sweet submission, Thy will be done. In care and grief—in pain and loss—in life and death—Thy will be done. So would we begin each day, repeating with humble heart and tongue, Thy will be done. Whatever it brings to us—of joy or sorrow—Thy will be done. And thus may this day, and every day—begun in prayer—end in peace.

H. M. Field.

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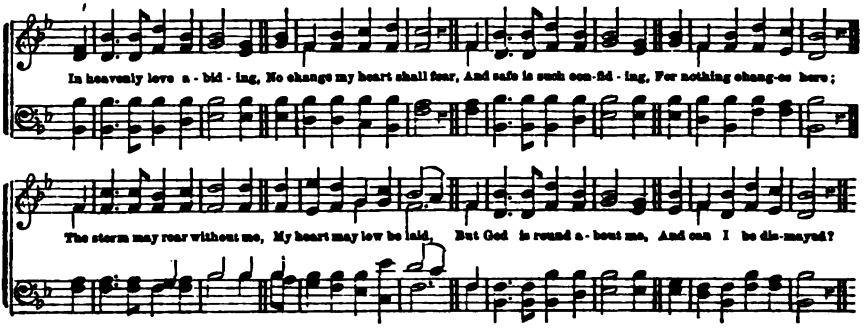

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IN Heavenly Love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here.

2 The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

3 Wherever He may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack.

4 His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim,
He knows the way He taketh,
And I will walk with Him.

5 Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen,
Bright skies will soon be o'er me
Where the dark clouds have been.

6 My hope I cannot measure,
My path to life is free,
My Saviour has my treasure,
And He will walk with me.

Anna L. Waring.

GIVE us this day our daily bread.

2 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, then shall the LORD be my God.

3 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now am become two bands.

4 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet, your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

5 Therefore, take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

6 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

7 Take, therefore, no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

8 Jesus answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

9 Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life which the Son of man shall give unto you.

10 They said unto him, Our fathers did eat manna in the desert: as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

11 Then said Jesus unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

12 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

13 Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

14 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof and not die.

15 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life.

16 He that walketh righteously, he shall dwell on high: bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure.

17 When Paul had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

18 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

19 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower, both minister bread for your food and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXXVII.

O LORD, we adore Thy wonderful providence! myriads of creatures visible to us, and myriads more, invisible, in the earth, the sea, and the air, wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season: Thou openest Thy hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

While giving to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry, Thou art displaying richer bounty toward man, whom Thou hast set over the lower order of Thy creatures.

Thou crownest his years with mercies, and daily loadest him with benefits: Thou preservest to him the order of the seasons, with their returning harvests and golden fruits. He cannot prolong his own life, or guard his family; or give success to his skill and industry without Thee. The rich and the poor, the strong and the weak, alike depend on Thee.

While we deprecate poverty and want, with their sufferings and temptations, we would not seek great things for ourselves, lest we be full and deny Thee, and lose sympathy with those of humbler lot. Having food and raiment, may we learn therewith to be content. Or, if our possessions are enlarged, may we use them with moderation, remembering that we must give an account of our stewardship.

While we pray for daily bread, may we be found practising that industry, frugality, and economy, to which affluence or competence is promised. May we feel assured that, if Thou feedest the fowls, though they sow not, and clothest the grass with beauty, which to-morrow may be cast into the oven, and adornest the lily, without its own agency, Thou wilt much more clothe and feed us.

Provide for our souls as well for our bodies. May we enjoy Thy favor, which is life, and Thy loving-kindness, which is better than life.

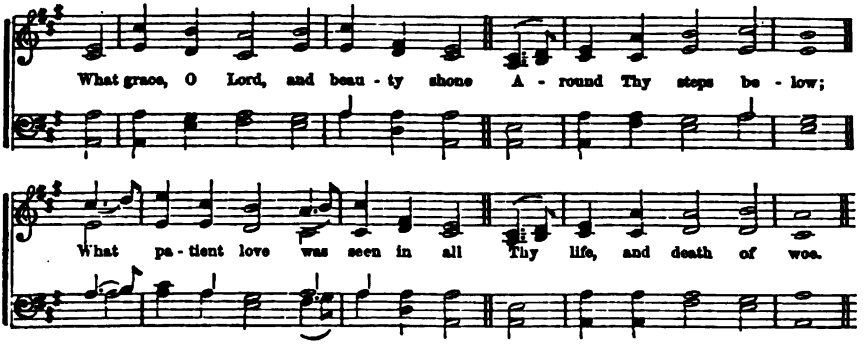
May these young persons have a lively sense of their dependence upon Thee for every blessing, and have hearts full of gratitude and love. In all their ways may they acknowledge Thee, and be Thou the Guide and the Guard of their youth.

May they always be willing to receive instruction, and be diligent in acquiring all the knowledge and improvement that may render them blessings and ornaments of society.

May they be dutiful and obliging, and diligent and faithful, remembering that the eye of God is upon them.

O let them live in Thy sight: let them be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting: let them be blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ; we beg for His name's sake. Amen.

W. W. Everts.



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WHAT grace, O Lord, and beauty shone
Around Thy steps below;
What patient love was seen in all
Thy life and death of woe.

2 For, ever on Thy burdened heart
A weight of sorrow hung;
Yet no ungentle, murmuring word
Escaped Thy silent tongue.

3 Thy foes might hate, despise, revile,
Thy friends unfaithful prove;
Unwearied in forgiveness still,
Thy heart could only love.

4 Oh, give us hearts to love like Thee!
Like Thee, O Lord, to grieve
Far more for others' sins, than all
The wrongs that we receive.

Unknown.

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THINK gently of the erring one,
And let us not forget,
However darkly stained by sin,
He is our brother yet.

2 Heir of the same inheritance,
Child of the self-same God;
He hath but stumbled in the path
We have in weakness trod.

3 Speak gently to the erring one;
Thou yet may'st lead him back,
With holy words and tones of love,
From misery's thorny track.

4 Forget not thou hast often sinned,
And sinful yet must be;
Deal gently with the erring one,
As God hath dealt with thee.

Miss E. Fletcher.

FORGIVE us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

2 Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.

3 If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

4 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

5 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat: and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

6 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

7 Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

8 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

9 If ye love them which love you, what reward have you? do not even the publicans the same?

10 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

11 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

12 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

14 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

15 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven.

16 Take heed to yourselves; if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

17 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

18 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

19 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

20 And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

21 Say not, I will do so to him, as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil: but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXXVIII.

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, our heavenly Father, help us to draw near unto Thee with proper views and feelings. Our trust is only in the merits and mediation of Thy dear Son—our Prophet, Priest and King. We cannot worship Thee acceptably without the promised aid of Thy Holy Spirit. Remove far from us, O Lord, every disposition that offends Thee, and withholds Thy blessing from our souls. We know that if we regard iniquity in our hearts, the Lord will not hear us.

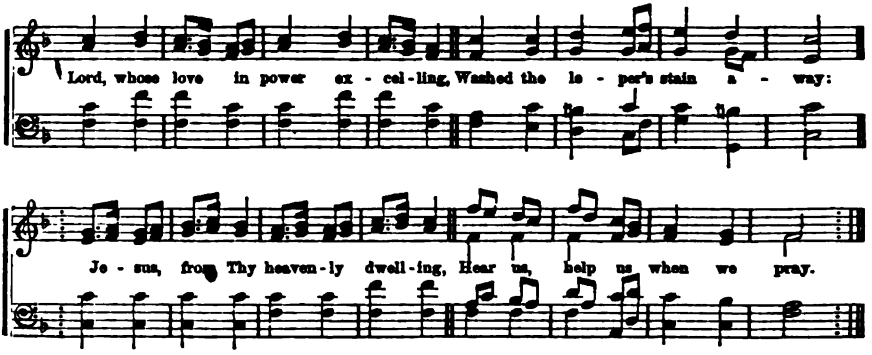
Holy and righteous God, we confess to Thee our sinfulness. We are by nature the children of wrath—the apostate children of apostate parents. We have destroyed ourselves; but in Thee is our help. We render Thee our most hearty thanks, O God, the Father, for the plan of Redemption, and for giving Thine only-begotten Son to assume our nature and our sins, and to die in our stead. And now, according to Thy abundant mercies in Christ Jesus, pardon all our sins, and sanctify us wholly by Thy Spirit and by Thy Word.

Bless to our increase in meekness and a forgiving spirit, the gospel lesson we have just read. When we compare ourselves with Thee, O merciful Saviour, and judge ourselves by the truth of Thy word, we are ashamed before Thee. We confess that too often we have returned evil for evil; too frequently our feelings are angered and our thoughts revengeful. Give us Thy Spirit, O gentle Jesus. Teach us how to bear injuries with meekness. Help us to imitate Thee in all our conduct toward those who trespass against us, so that we may manifest to the world that we are taught of Thee.

We are great and constant offenders against Thee, a God most gracious, and yet how long and patiently Thou hast borne with us, and as often as we truly repent Thou forgivest us. So make us kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven us. Teach us in youth to forgive those who offend against us, that in all our future lives, we may bear about with us the delightful sense of being forgiven of God.

We consecrate ourselves to Thee, O God, in lives of well-doing and charity. Give us success in all our efforts to gain useful knowledge. Strengthen us in body and mind. Make each of us a blessing to the world. Be Thou a Friend of our friends, and forgive our enemies. Support and comfort all who are in affliction and sorrow. Guide the perplexed; deliver the tempted; strengthen the weak; and give Thy salvation to the ends of the world. All of which blessings we ask for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

James Le Fevre.



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LORD, whose love in pow'r excelling,
Wash'd the leper's stain away;
Jesus, from Thy heavenly dwelling,
Hear us, help us, when we pray.

2 From the filth of vice and folly,
From infuriate passion's rage,
Evil thoughts and hopes unholy,
Heedless youth and selfish age;

3 From the lusts whose deep pollutions
Adam's ancient taint disclose;
From the tempter's dark intrusions,
Restless doubt and blind repose;

4 From the miser's cursed treasure,
From the drunkard's mirth obscene,
From the world, its pomp and pleasure,
Jesus, Master, make us clean.

Ancient.

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KNOW, my soul, thy full salvation;
Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.

2 Think what Spirit dwells within thee;
Think what Father's smiles are thine;
Think that Jesus died to win thee:
Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

3 Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day before thee—
God's own hand shall guide thee there.

4 Soon shall close thine earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Miss Grant.

LEAD us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

2 Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

3 In the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto Hezekiah to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

4 Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.

5 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

6 For this thing I besought the LORD thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee.

7 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the LORD hath promised to them that love him.

8 Let no man say, when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man;

9 But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

10 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

11 Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

12 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and he delighteth in his way;

13 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

14 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

15 And now, I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee, Holy Father: keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me.

16 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept.

17 I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

18 Neither pray I for them alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.

19 Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Prayer.—Lesson CLXXXIX.

O THOU, who art the refuge and dwelling-place of thy people in all generations, our waiting eyes are unto Thee, imploring Thy protection and guidance. Listen to the voice of our supplications, while, conscious of the difficulties and dangers that surround us, we pray ourselves out of our own keeping into Thine.

We inhabit a world lying in wickedness and abounding in temptations. Holy Father, keep us from the evil that is in the world, and deliver us from the love, power and dominion of every sin.

We have within us evil hearts of unbelief, continually leading us astray from the living God. Save us, we beseech Thee, from ourselves, and from the corrupt propensities of our depraved nature, that we may not be drawn away by our own lusts and enticed.

We have a subtle adversary, who, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. Hide us in the secret of Thy pavilion against his insidious wiles, and may we not be ignorant of his devices, but sober and vigilant, lest he should gain an advantage over us, and we be led captive by him at his will.

Grant us Thy heavenly grace, O Father, in all these perils, that we may not walk according to the course of this world, or fulfil the desires of the flesh and of the mind, or yield ourselves to the cunning craftiness of him that lieth in wait to deceive.

Enable us to avoid the beginnings of evil, not walking in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standing in the way of sinners, nor sitting in the seat of the scornful, that we may be preserved unto Thy heavenly kingdom and glory.

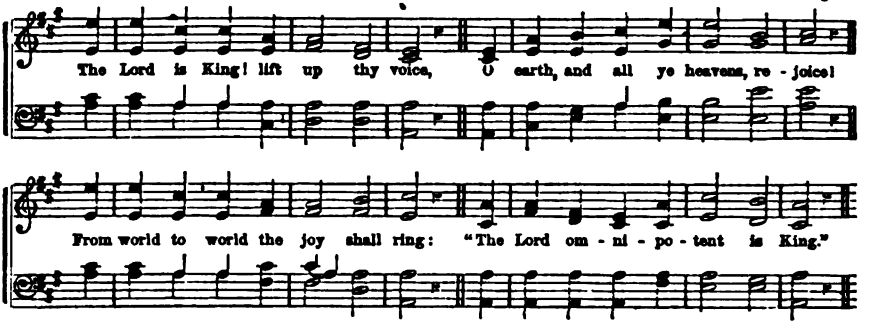
We earnestly pray that Thou wouldst not lead us into temptation. But if it seemeth good to Thine infinite wisdom to try our faith, as gold is tried in the fire, we beseech Thee to lay underneath and round about us Thine everlasting arms, that we may be sustained in the trying hour, and that, like Thy servants when delivered from the fiery furnace, the smell of fire may not be found upon our garments.

And suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able, but with the temptation, also, do Thou make a way for our escape, that we may be able to bear it.

Uphold us with Thy powerful hand, and enable us always to wait upon Thee, and be of good courage.

Guide us with Thy counsel, and afterward receive us to glory, to join the multitude of the redeemed in singing songs of salvation and deliverance forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Henry N. Pohlman.



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THE Lord is King! lift up thy voice,
O earth, and all ye heavens, rejoice!
From world to world the joy shall ring:
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

2 The Lord is King! who then shall dare
Resist His will, distrust His care?
Holy and true are all His ways:
Let every creature speak His praise.

3 The Lord is King! exalt your strains;
Ye saints, your God, your Father, reigns;
One Lord one empire all secures:
He reigns, and life and death are yours.

4 Oh, when His wisdom can mistake,
His might decay, His love forsake,
Then may His children cease to sing,
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

Conder.

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THEE we adore, eternal Lord!
We praise Thy name with one accord;
Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see,
Through all the world do worship Thee.

2 To Thee aloud all angels cry,
The heavens, and all the powers on high:
Thee, Holy, holy, holy King,
Lord God of hosts, they ever sing.

3 Th' apostles join the glorious throng;
The prophets swell th' immortal song:
The martyrs' noble army raise
Eternal anthems to Thy praise.

4 From day to day, O Lord, do we
Highly exalt and honor Thee!
Thy name we worship and adore,
World without end, for evermore.

Unknown.

FOR thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

2 Be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O King.

8 David blessed the LORD, before the whole congregation, and said, Blessed be thou LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth, is thine:

4 Thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all: and in thy hand is power and might: and in thy hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

5 Now, therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

6 Be careful for nothing, but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

7 Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

8 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

9 To God, only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen.

10 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen.

11 Now unto God and our Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

12 To him be glory and dominion forever. Amen.

13 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

14 To the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

15 My soul doth magnify the Lord; and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

16 Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood; and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer.—Lesson CXC.

O THOU Infinite One, we adore Thee as the only living and true God. Of Thy days there was no beginning, and Thy years fail not. Thou art a great King, and there is none who can say unto Thee, What doest Thou? Seated upon the Throne of the Universe, Thou dost overrule all events, and control all beings.

We are Thy subjects, and can never cease to be. Every where and always Thou wilt continue to be our King. Thou dost now sway the sceptre of absolute dominion, and in Thy arm dwells everlasting strength. But, blessed be Thy name, Thou dost not use Thy great power cruelly;—Thou dost not even treat us as we deserve.

Though we are sinners, Thou lovest us; with infinite tenderness and solicitude, proclaiming Thyself to be merciful, and gracious, and long-suffering, a God forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. Because Jesus died and intercedes for us, we dare look up, and are not afraid, for in Him we see Thee reconciled, and behold the face of our Father.

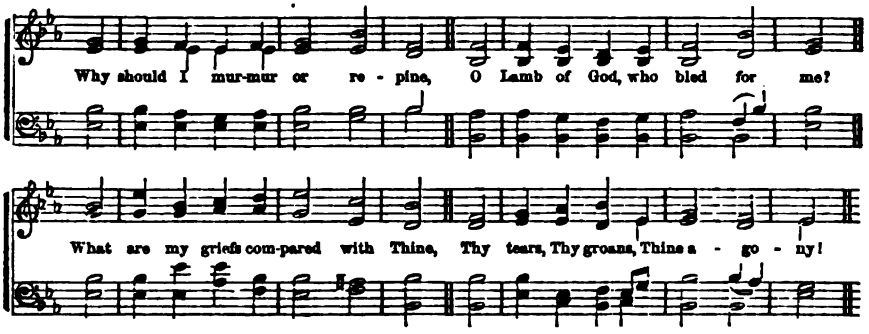
Once Thy rebellious subjects, we humbly trust, that by the renewing of the Holy Spirit, we are now Thy children. Grant us, we beseech Thee, in larger measure, the filial spirit. Help us, that we may set our affections on things above, and, that with patience, humility, increasing purity, and growing zeal, we may walk the homeward way. Because Thou art our Sovereign, whose law is holy, may we fear to offend Thee; and, because Thou art our Heavenly Father, may we ever desire and strive to please and honor Thee.

Now, we offer to Thee our tribute of praise; all that we have we lay upon Thy altar, and would consecrate ourselves anew to Thy service. Protect us by Thy great might. Out of Thy infinite fulness supply all our wants. Guide our wandering feet all the way down to the dark river, and then receive us to glory.

We pray for those who are dear to us, for all with whom we associate; that none of these may know, with eternal bitterness of spirit that the Lord reigneth; but, that by repentance and faith, they may become Thy willing subjects now, and at length stand with all the redeemed in heaven.

Hear us, O God, for Jesus' sake, to whom with Thyself, and the Holy Spirit, will we render unceasing praises, world without end. Amen.

Edward Hawes.



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WHY should I murmur or repine,
O Lamb of God, who bled for me?
What are my griefs compared with Thine,
Thy tears, Thy groans, Thine agony!

2 If Thou the furnace dost employ,
Thou sittest as Refiner near,
To purge away the base alloy,
Till Thine own image bright appear.

3 Though oft Thy way is in the sea,
Thy footsteps in the winged storm;
Though crested billows threaten me,—
Love slumbers in their frowning form!

4 Submissive would I kiss the rod,
Needful each stroke, I humbly own:
Help me to trust Thee, O my God!
If now Thy wisdom be unknown.

Unknown.

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IT is enough that I am Thine:
Almighty to redeem from sin,
Thou shalt subdue, correct, refine
The heart which Thou hast died to win.

2 Now, through this light and passing pain,
The travail of Thy soul I see:
I know Thou hast not borne in vain
The mortal anguish due to me.

3 Thoughts of a love unfelt before,
In comfort on my heart descend:
This suffering must have cost Thee more
Than I can ever comprehend.

4 Yet, through a sacred sympathy,
I of Thy precious death partake!
I feel my fellowship with Thee,
And with the Father for Thy sake.

Anna L. Waring.

TAKE, my brethren, the prophets who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction; and of patience.

2 For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

5 Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth; and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

6 The LORD's voice crieth unto the city; and the man of wisdom shall see thy name; hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

7 Thou hast cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

8 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I, the LORD, do all these things.

9 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right; and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

10 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore, despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

11 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground, yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

12 Now, therefore, be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life: so now it was not you that sent me hither, but God.

13 Unto Adam, God said, In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

14 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara; for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty.

15 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth: because thou didst it. When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth.

16 Then said Job's wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God and die.

17 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What! shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

Prayer.—Lesson CXCI.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who dost speak to us by Thy providence, as well as by Thy word, teach us to hear the rod and Him who hath appointed it. To whom can we come, but unto Thee in the day of our visitation? And to Thee we do come, to Thee who smitest us, humbling ourselves under Thine almighty hand. We stretch forth our hands unto Thee; unto Thee we commit our cause.

Righteous Father, rebuke us not in Thine anger, neither chasten us in Thy hot displeasure. Correct us, but with judgment; not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring us to nothing.

O Lord, show us wherefore Thou contendest with us? Show us the sin that we have done? Truly we have sinned. Like lost sheep we have wandered from Thee; like prodigals, forsaken Thee; and, as rebels, despised Thine authority, and trampled upon Thy laws.

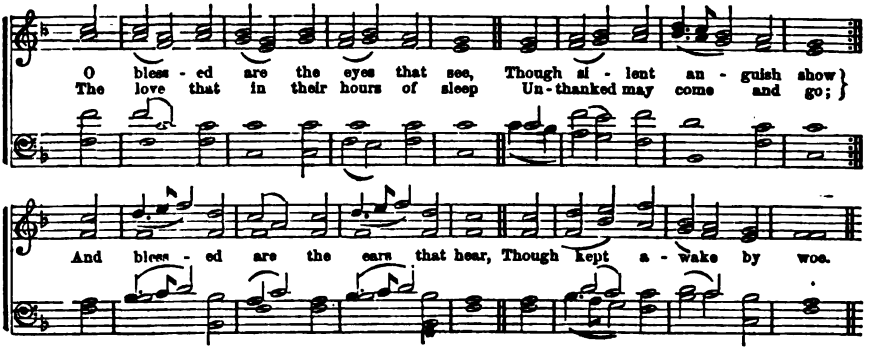
But, O Lord, if it be for some special sin that Thou art correcting us, then make us to know our transgression and our sin. Reveal it to us, that we may break it off by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and by repentance to reformation, and so experience a lengthening of our tranquility. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Blessed Jesus, teach us to come to Thee in our troubles, and that with a holy boldness. Art Thou not bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh; art Thou not our kinsman Redeemer;—nay, a very Brother, born for our adversity? Truly Thou art; and, oh! prove Thyself such in every time of trial. Order our cause for us with the Father. Plead with Him in our behalf, that our sins may be forgiven, our persons accepted, and that He would deal with us in our affliction, as He dealeth with regenerated and adopted sons. Plead Thine own merits to this end: Thine agony, Thy bloody sweat, Thy cross, and Thy passion,—for with such arguments, Thee, the Father always heareth. O Lord, hear; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for Thine own name's sake, O, our God.

And, Holy Spirit, Third One in the Godhead, whose office is to comfort in affliction, draw near to our hearts with Thy divine strength and consolation. Often have we grieved Thee, and much have done to drive Thee utterly from us; but in the infinitude of Thy love, still abide and work within us. Work within us to will and to do, according to Thy good pleasure; and so, through afflictions, not only to be made partakers of divine holiness, but also to bring forth those peaceable fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Hear, Thou Triune God, these our unworthy supplications, and hearing, answer for Thy great mercies' sake. Amen.

Robert McMillan.



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O, BLESSED are the eyes that see,
Though silent anguish show
The love that in their hours of sleep
Unthanked may come and go;
And blessed are the ears that hear,
Though kept awake by woe.

2 Happy are they that learn, in Thee,
Though patient suffering teach
The secret of enduring strength,
And praise too deep for speech,—
Peace that no pressure from without,
No strife within, can reach.

3 There is no death for me to fear,
For Christ, my Lord, hath died;
There is no curse in this my pain,
For He was crucified:
And it is *fellowship* with Him
That keeps me near His side.

Anna L. Waring.

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MY heart is fixed, O God, my Strength,
My heart is strong to bear:
I will be joyful in Thy love,
And peaceful in Thy care.
Deal with me, for my Saviour's sake,
According to His prayer.

2 No suffering while it lasts, is joy,
How blest soe'er it be;
Yet may the chastened child be glad
His Father's face to see;
And O, it is not hard to bear
What must be borne in Thee.

3 Deep unto deep may call; but I
With peaceful heart will say,
Thy loving-kindness has a charge
No waves can take away:
And let the storm that speeds me home,
Deal with me as it may.

Anna L. Waring.

COME, and let us return unto the LORD; for he hath torn, and he will heal us: he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2 For the LORD will not cast off forever; but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion, according to the multitude of his mercies.

3 For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

4 For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD, thy Redeemer.

5 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness; for his anger endureth but a moment: in his favor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

7 Behold, we count them happy which endure: ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the LORD; that the LORD is very pitiful and of tender mercy.

8 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not:

9 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

10 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the LORD hath promised to them that love him.

11 For, whom the LORD loveth, he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

12 Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live?

13 For they, verily, for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

14 Now, no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

15 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

Prayer.—Lesson CXCII.

AS WE assemble this morning, we invoke Thy blessing, O Lord, upon the labors and the pleasures of this day. Follow the blessings of the night with those of the day. Help us to realize that every good thing comes from Thee, and by every new gift of Thy love, lead us to love Thee more and serve Thee better.

Forgive, we pray Thee, our sins of heart, as well as of word and act. Make us truly sorry for our sins, and enable us through Jesus Christ to break them off by righteousness.

Give us to-day all needful bounties of Thy providence, and abundant spiritual blessings. Make us watchful against sin—faithful in every duty—patient under trials—and joyful in Thy favor.

We ask Thee, our Father, to bless every family here represented, giving to parents and children, the joys of Thy salvation.

May our state and nation enjoy Thy favor. Imbue our rulers with reverence for the law, and a love of truth and justice. May they be wise to discover, and courageous to perform every duty incumbent on them, realizing in their public acts their obligations to Thee, the ruler of nations.

Make our people loyal, just and true—faithful to God and to humanity.

All these blessings we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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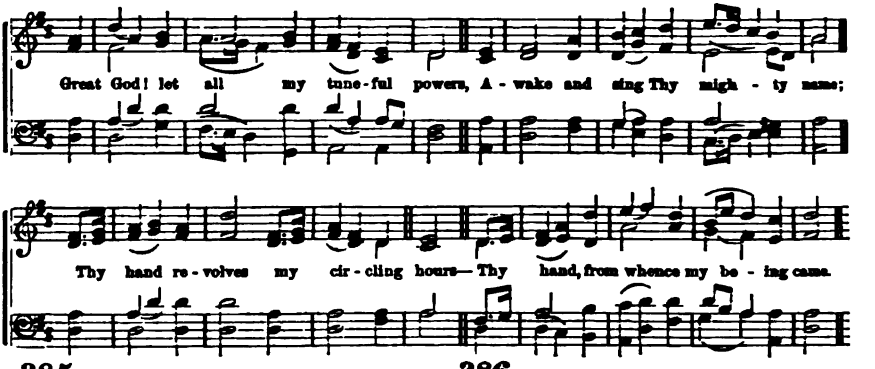

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GREAT God! let all my tuneful powers
Awake, and sing Thy mighty name:
Thy hand revolves my circling hours—
Thy hand, from whence my being came.

2 Seasons and moons, still rolling round
In beauteous order, speak Thy praise;
And years, with smiling mercy crowned,
To Thee, successive honors raise.

3 My life, my health, my friends, I owe
All to Thy vast, unbounded love;
Ten thousand precious gifts below,
And hope of nobler joys above.

4 Thus will I sing till nature cease,
Till sense and language are no more;
And, after death Thy boundless grace
Through everlasting years adore.

Hegenbotham.

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GO, labor on; your hands are weak,
Your knees are faint, your soul cast down;
Yet falter not; the prize you seek
Is near,—a kingdom and a crown!

2 Go, labor on, while it is day;
The world's dark night is hastening on;
Speed, speed thy work,—cast sloth away!
It is not thus that souls are won.

3 Men die in darkness at your side,
Without a hope to cheer the tomb:
Take up the torch and wave it wide—
The torch that lights time's thickest gloom.

4 Toil on,—faint not,—keep watch and pray!
Be wise the erring soul to win;
Go forth into the world's highway;
Compel the wanderer to come in.

Bonar.

THE LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths, that spring out of valleys and hills;

2 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

3 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness: thou shalt not lack any thing in it: a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

4 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God, for the good land which he hath given thee.

5 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

6 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

7 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage: and thou sayest in thine heart, My power, and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

8 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

9 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dung-hill, to set them among princes.

10 And God said unto Solomon, Because thou hast asked this thing, behold I have done according to thy word; and I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee, all thy days.

11 Behold, the heaven, and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S, thy God; the earth also, with all that therein is.

12 Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for naught? hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

13 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence; if I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

14 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge, for I should have denied the God that is above.

Prayer.—Lesson CXCIII.

ADORABLE CREATOR, the earth is thine and the fulness thereof. We acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, for the breath that we draw, and for every blessing that renders life prosperous and happy. Thou hast taught us that it is the Lord who maketh poor and maketh rich, who bringeth low and lifteth up.. We therefore beseech Thee who didst bring Thine ancient people through the wilderness into "a good land, a land of brooks of waters and of fountains, a land of vines and of fig trees,"—that Thou wouldst give to us, while on our earthly pilgrimage, such health and wealth as may contribute to our comfort and usefulness.

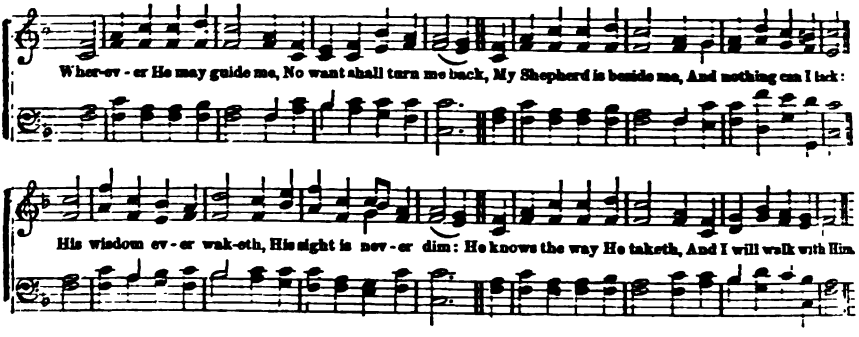
But if, in Thy gracious providence, riches should increase, suffer us not to set our hearts upon them. Let us never forget, in the earnest, active pursuits of life, that though we should gain the whole world and lose our souls, our possessions would profit us nothing.

Do Thou dispose us as good stewards, to consecrate to Thee, for the good of the poor, the ignorant and the perishing, such offerings as may be acceptable unto Thee. Gracious Lord, permit us not to be so blind to our duties or privileges as to be satisfied with these earthly possessions which are so liable to decay, or that may, at any moment, be wrested from us by the hand of violence.

Enrich our characters with the graces of the Holy Spirit, and do Thou so reveal to us the glory of Thy character, that we may be rich in the knowledge and love of our God. Do Thou so unveil to us the riches of Jesus Christ, our Lord, that He may win our admiration and gain our confidence. As sinners, may we go to Him for pardon; as polluted, may we go to Him for purity; as weak, may we go to Him for strength.

And do Thou grant that when earthly possessions shall fail us, that we, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, may have part in the purchased possession;—even in that inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away; and unto God, who hath loved us, and unto Christ, who hath died for us, and unto the Spirit, whose work it is to regenerate, sanctify and comfort, be all the praise forever. Amen.

S. J. Milliken.



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WHEREVER He may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack:
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim:
He knows the way He taketh,
And I will walk with Him.

2 Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where darkest clouds have been:
My hope I cannot measure;
My path to life is free:
My Saviour has my treasure,
And He will walk with me.

Anna L. Waring.

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CHILDREN of God lack nothing,
His promise bears them through:
Who gives the lilies clothing,
Will clothe His people, too:
Beneath the spreading heavens,
No creature but is fed;
And He who feeds the ravens,
Will give His children bread.

2 Though vine or fig tree neither
Their wonted fruit should bear;
Though all the field should wither,
Nor flocks nor herds be there:
Yet, God, the same abiding,
His praise shall tune my voice,
For while in Him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice.

Newton.

TWO things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches: feed me with food convenient for me; lest I be full and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or, lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

2 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbor.

3 The poor is hated, even of his own neighbor: but the rich hath many friends.

4 Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right.

5 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the maker of them all.

6 Labor not to be rich; cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for, riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away, as an eagle toward heaven.

7 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance, with increase.

8 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

9 There is a sore evil that I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

10 And Jesus said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

11 A certain rich man said, I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry.

12 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?

13 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

14 Ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

15 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring, ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

16 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet, for your sakes he became poor, that ye, through his poverty, might be rich.

17 Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

18 But my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Prayer.—Lesson CXCIV.

OUR Father, whc art in heaven, we come into Thy presence as children of want, knowing that Thou hast treasured up in Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Saviour, all good things needful for us. In Thee we live and move and have our being. Thy hand sustains us every moment. Thou hast fed and clothed Thy unworthy children thus far, and we believe Thy love is unchangeable.

Thou wilt continue to enrich us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus, for in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. We come to Thee through Him, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich.

O Father, enable us to see the vanity and worthiness of all worldly wealth. Convince us, that if a man should gain the whole world, and lose his own soul, he must be for ever poor. May we see and know that a treasure laid up in heaven, is riches indeed.

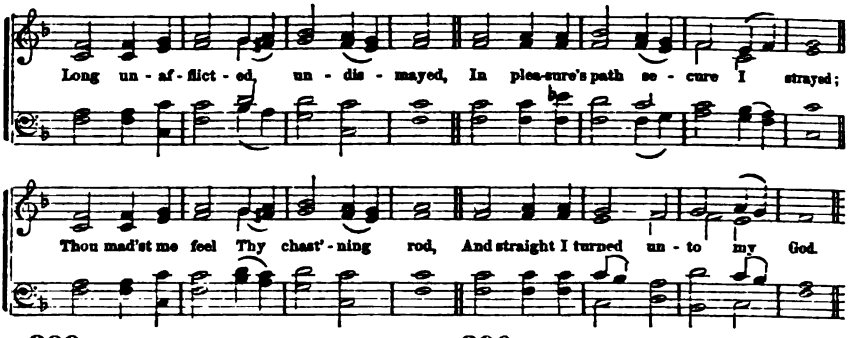
O, mighty Redeemer, who hast purchased for us that durable riches and righteousness, without which we must be for ever poor, may we use all due diligence to procure the meat that perishes; but never forget that which endureth to eternal life.

O Thou bleeding Lamb of God, who couldst say, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head," give us patience under trial. Sympathize with us, and cheer our hearts under the chastisements of Thy rod. But, whatever it may please Thee to withhold from us, withhold not the transforming influences of Thy gracious Spirit.

May He come into our hearts as Thou hast promised. O, Holy Spirit, renew us in the spirit and temper of our minds; and carry on our sanctification until we be fitted for heavenly glory. May we grow in grace and meetness for the blessed society above.

Holy Father, gracious Saviour, blessed Sanctifier, the God of our fathers and our God, guide and direct us safely through this wilderness world, and at last receive us to dwell with Thee in the heavenly home, and Thine shall be the praise and the glory forever. Amen.

George Junkin.



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LONG unafflicted, undismayed,
In pleasure's path secure I stray'd;
Thou mad'st me feel Thy chastening rod,
And straight I turned unto my God.

2 What though it pierced my fainting heart?
I blessed Thy hand that caused the smart;
It taught my tears awhile to flow,
But saved me from eternal woe.

3 Oh! hadst Thou left me unchastised,
Thy precepts I had still despised;
And still the snare in secret laid
Had my unwary feet betrayed.

4 I love Thee, therefore, O my God!
And long to reach Thy dear abode;
Where, in Thy presence fully blest,
Thy chosen saints forever rest.

Cowper.

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HOW blest the righteous when he dies!
When sinks a weary soul to rest,
How mildly beam the closing eyes,
How gently heaves th' expiring breast!

2 So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er:
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies a wave along the shore.

3 A holy quiet reigns around,
A calm which life nor death destroys:
And naught disturbs that peace profound,
Which his unfettered soul enjoys.

4 Life's labor done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While heaven and earth combine to say,
How blest the righteous when he dies!

Mrs. Barbauld.

AS many as I love, I rebuke, and chasten; be zealous, therefore, and repent.

2 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God; thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

3 Thou broughtest us into the net, thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men ride over our heads; we went through fire, and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

4 I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried; they shall call on my name, and I will hear them, I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

5 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

6 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you;

7 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also, with exceeding joy.

8 He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

9 When they in their trouble did turn to the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

10 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death; but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

11 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me, will I seek thee early; for, when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

12 I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

13 I will also leave in the midst of thee, an afflicted, and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

14 It is a faithful saying, For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him; if we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us.

15 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

16 Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you, falsely, for my sake.

17 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven.

Prayer.—Lesson CXCV.

OUR FATHER, which art in Heaven! we thank Thee that we can call Thee Father; and as children plead with Thee when trials and bereavements are upon us. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." May we ever remember that the hand that holds the rod, is "Our Father's" hand; and when it is uplifted, may we run to His arms; "take hold of His strength," and thus lighten the blow, and be safe with Him.

Thou hast said, "Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver Thee." Trusting Thy promises, in the name of Thy dear Son, "who in all our afflictions was afflicted," we ask Thee to sustain us in our trials, and comfort us in our bereavements, that we may "glorify Thee." In the midst of sorrow and distress, we can, by Thy help, sing of "mercy and judgment," for Thou dost "give songs in the night" to all who call upon Thy name.

Cause us to realize that Thou art a covenant-keeping God,—faithful and true to all Thy promises.

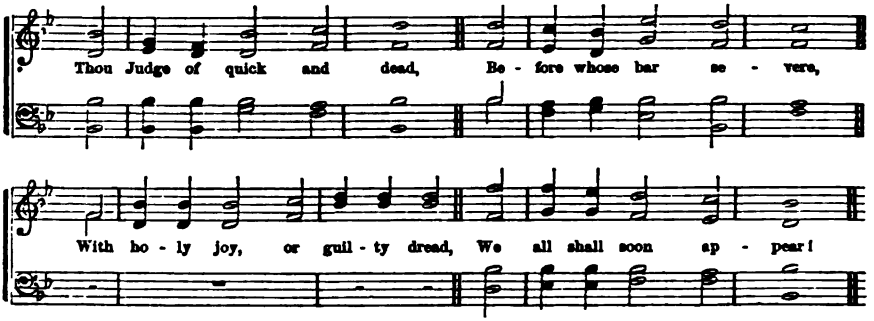
We adore Thy name, blessed Jesus, for Thy mercy and Thy love,—Thou didst die to save,—Thou art strong to deliver;—and when we are sinking in the waters, and "the floods go over our soul," may we look to Thee, and hear Thy voice saying, "It is I: be not afraid."

We thank Thee that "a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without the knowledge of our Heavenly Father, and that the hairs of our head are all numbered." Oh! Saviour, why should we distrust Thy providence or grace? Grant us grace to flee to that sympathizing Friend, who wept at the grave of Lazarus, and was Himself "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

Help us, who are now before Thee, to remember that although the bloom of health is upon our cheek, and the light of young life in our eye, yet youth, manhood, and old age are alike subject to sorrow, pain, and death. Be with us as we journey through this vale of tears; cheer us by Thy presence, and comfort us with Thy love.

Enable us ever to say, "Not our will, but Thine, oh God, be done!" and when trials and bereavements are over,—life's sorrows past,—may we, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, be admitted to the mansions of eternal rest, "where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain;" but joy unspeakable and full of glory. We ask all for Jesus' sake. Amen.

James Pollock.



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THOU Judge of quick and dead,
Before whose bar severe,
With holy joy or guilty dread,
We all shall soon appear!—

2 Our anxious souls prepare
For that tremendous day;
Come, fill us now with watchful care,
And stir us up to pray;—

3 To pray, and wait the hour,
That awful hour unknown,
When robed in majesty and power,
Thou shalt from heaven come down!

4 Oh, may we all be found
Obedient to Thy word,—
Attentive to the trumpet's sound,
And looking for our Lord!

C. Wesley.

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A CHARGE to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

2 To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil;—
Oh, may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.

3 Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And oh! Thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

4 Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely:
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

C. Wesley

JESUS said, A certain nobleman called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

2 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

3 And unto one, he gave five talents; to another, two; and to another, one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

4 Then he that had received the five talents, went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

5 But he that had received one, went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

6 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

7 And so he that had received five talents, came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold I have gained beside them, five talents more.

8 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

9 He also that had received two talents, came, and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents besides them.

10 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

11 Then he which had received the one talent, came, and said, Lord; I knew thee, that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed:

12 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

13 His lord answered, and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed.

14 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming, I should have received mine own with usury. Take, therefore, the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

15 For unto every one that hath, shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not, shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Prayer.—Lesson CXCVII.

TO THEE, Oh my Heavenly Father, I come seeking blessings. Though, in the tenderness of a Father's love, Thou hast permitted me to come and sit at the feet of earthly teachers, and hast opened to my heart the gates of worldly knowledge, yet there are gifts which the world bestows not. To Thee, oh my God, I come. That my heart may be lifted above the pleasures of sin; that the glory of Thee may move my soul like a pillar of bright cloud, guiding me away from sin's desert places, to a land of usefulness and righteousness; that to serve Thee, Creator and Saviour! may seem far better than the pursuit of fame, or wealth, or happiness, and sweeter Thy work than the softest repose.

Wilt Thou, oh, my God, overshadow my soul with Thy love and power, and fashion it anew in its feelings and hopes. If the talents Thou, in goodness, hast given me, are given to the world, they are buried as to Thee. Oh, help me to a better destiny, and transport Thou me from a life of neglect to a life of restless love of Thee, my infinite Maker!

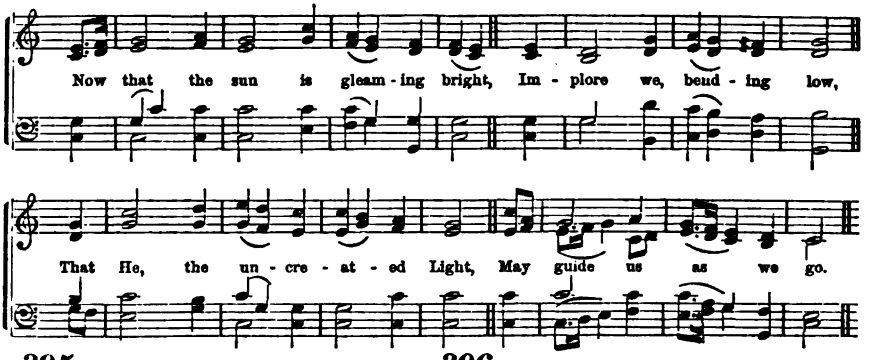
And, oh, Thou blessed Saviour! so full of sympathy for man, so willing to exalt the mortal, and the immortal life of our sinful race, so loved, that the multitudes followed Thee, and so loving that Thou didst weep and even die for us, make my soul deeply to love Thee, and by Thee to be forever loved. Draw toward Thee its thoughts, turn its language to Thy praise, and to the teaching of Thy way of salvation; from the morning, and noonday, and evening of my life, be its years many or few, evoke Thou from my spirit perpetual prayer and worship.

Oh, ever-living Saviour! suffer not what of mental power the Creator has given me to lie entombed in sin, but wilt Thou call it forth from death to action. Be to my soul its resurrection. May Thy voice sound through its inmost chambers, both to-day and in the years to come, that it may live for Thy glory.

For the hundreds of youth, now engaged in the education of their minds, my prayer, oh Saviour, would rise. Thou hast power to bless, at once multitudes of the poor and sinful. A world is embraced in Thy infinite love. My mind recalls the five thousand fed in a desert by Thy kind hand; oh, Thou Redeemer! oh, command the thousands of youth of this land to gather about Thy feet and receive the bread of life.

Bring to an end all neglect of Thy holy religion, all contempt for Thy service, all hiding in the earth of talents fitted for usefulness. Hasten the day when it shall appear to our souls the greatest happiness to glorify God, and when it shall appear life's most exalted work to preach to dying men Thy salvation,—oh, my Saviour! to whose name be glory forever. Amen.

David Swing.



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NOW that the sun is gleaming bright,
Implore we, bending low,
That He, the uncreated Light,
May guide us as we go.

2 No sinful word, or deed of wrong,
Nor thoughts that idly rove,
But simple truth, be on our tongue,
And in our hearts be love.

3 And while the hours in order flow,
O Christ, securely fence
Our gates beleaguered by the foe,
The gate of every sense.

4 And grant that to Thine honor, Lord,
Our daily toil may tend:
That we begin it at Thy word,
And in Thy favor end.

Ancient.

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WHOM have we, Lord, in heaven, but Thee,
And whom on earth beside?
Where else for succor can we flee,
Or in whose strength confide?

2 Thou art our portion here below,
Our promised bliss above;
Ne'er may our souls an object know
So precious as Thy love.

3 When heart and flesh, O Lord, shall fail,
Thou wilt our spirits cheer,
Support us through life's thorny vale,
And calm each anxious fear.

4 Yes—Thou shalt be our guide through life,
And help and strength supply;
Sustain us in death's fearful strife,
And welcome us on high.

Lyte.

AS God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

2 Let ours also learn to maintain good works, for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

3 And Moses called Bazaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it.

4 We hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busy-bodies.

5 Now them that are such, we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

6 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

7 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

8 For yourselves know, how ye ought to follow us; for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

9 Neither did we eat any man's bread for naught: but wrought with labor and travail, night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you.

10 Not because we had not power, but to make ourselves an example to you, to follow us.

11 Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

13 Thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

14 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

15 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching;

16 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

17 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Covet earnestly the best gifts.

18 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

19 In all labor there is profit; but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

Prayer.—Lesson CXCVIII.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Mediator, we desire, in reverence and humility, to offer our thanksgivings and supplications.

We praise Thee as our Creator, Preserver, and bountiful Benefactor; our times are in Thy hands; Thou carest for the creatures Thou hast made; the minutest action of our lives, our most secret thoughts, are known to Thee, for Thou art the all-seeing God.

We praise Thee, that in every season, and under all circumstances, we may come to Thee; we are weak and foolish; Thou givest strength and wisdom; we are sinners, but forgiveness is with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared; and plenteous redemption, that Thou mayest be sought after.

We come to Thee, Oh, our Father, with confidence and faith, trusting Thy promises—for faithfulness is the girdle of Thy reins—believing that for His sake, who is our surety, Thou wilt hear and answer us according to the riches of grace in Jesus Christ.

We pray for direction in all our steps, for Thy Holy Spirit to lead us in the way of truth, for heavenly wisdom to guide us in all our plans, for an humble and quiet submission to Thy most holy will.

We pray that love for Thee may be the moving principle in all our actions, that we may ever serve the Lord Christ, and, conscious of our personal responsibility to Thee, may glorify Thee with our bodies and spirits which are Thine.

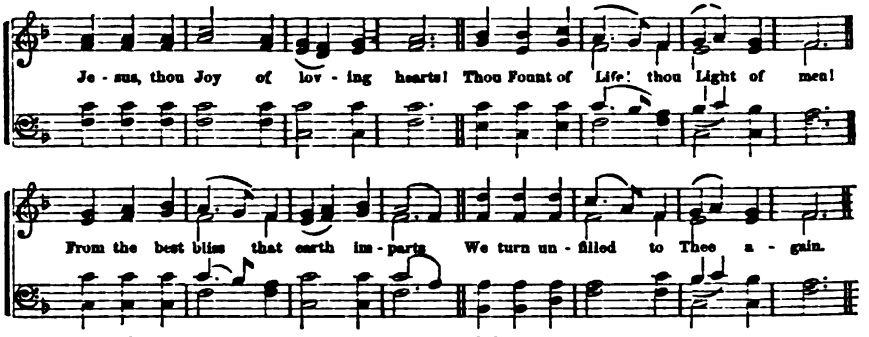
We pray Thee to create in us a clean heart, and renew in us a right spirit; give us a tender conscience, sensitive to the first approach of evil; give us courage to resist temptation, and in all trials that may be before us, may we ever find a ready access to the Throne of Grace, where we may obtain help in every time of need.

Help us to seek Thy favor above all earthly good; may we lay up treasure in Heaven; give us a large-hearted spirit of self-denying benevolence for others, that we may honor Thee with our substance as Thou shalt prosper us.

Our Father, we would leave ourselves and all our interests in Thy hands, in perfect trust that Thou knowest what is best for us. Grant us Thy converting grace, that in all the affairs of life, in business, in recreation, in all that we do, we may glorify Thee.

Be graciously pleased to hear us—to forgive us all our sins, and accept our persons and services through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

John B. Gough.



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JESUS, Thou Joy of loving hearts!
Thou Fount of Life! Thou Light of men!
From the best bliss that earth imparts,
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savést those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee—All in All!

3 We taste Thee, O Thou Living Bread,
And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the Fountain Head,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest, when our faith can hold Thee fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

Bernard—Tr. by Palmer.

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SUN of my soul! Thou Saviour dear;
It is not night, if Thou be near:
Oh, may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes!

2 When soft the dews of kindly sleep
My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought,—how sweet to rest
For ever on my Saviour's breast!

3 Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without Thee I cannot live:
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without Thee I dare not die.

4 Be near to bless me when I wake,
Ere through the world my way I take;
Abide with me till in Thy love
I lose myself in heaven above.

Keble.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

3 I have hated the congregation of evil-doers, and will not sit with the wicked.

4 And Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, returned to his house in peace, to Jerusalem.

5 And Jehu, the son of Hanani the seer, went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? Therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

6 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell in my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

7 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Cast in thy lot among us, let us have one purse;

8 My son, walk not thou in the way of them: refrain thy foot from their path.

9 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

10 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go;

11 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

12 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

13 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

14 Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

15 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the LORD almighty.

16 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

17 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Prayer.—Lesson CXCIX.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, make Thy grace sufficient for us in all the relations we bear both to this life and to that which is to come. Thou knowest, O Lord, that all our natural inclinations are earthly, sensual and devilish. Thou didst, for our enjoyment, our mutual elevation, and for Thy glory, create us social beings. Yet has sin degraded this native impulse not only into contentment with, but into a love for the society of the vain, the wicked and the evil doer.

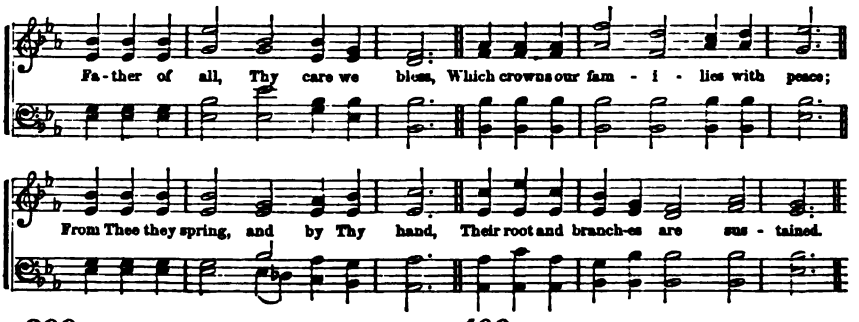
O Lord, cleanse us from all debasing influences. Take full possession, by Thy Holy Spirit, of our intellectual, moral and spiritual being. Make our bodies fit temples for the Holy Ghost. Create within us longings, even hungerings and thirstings, after those things which are useful: things that are of good report; things that are holy; and things that are heavenly. Make wisdom's ways pleasant to us, and all her paths peace.

Seeing, blessed Jesus, that evil communications corrupt good manners, and as Thou didst not pray the Father to take Thy children at once out of the world, so keep, we pray, all who put their trust in Thee from the injury of evil companions. If, while engaged in the ordinary duties of life, there must needs be a commingling with the wicked, grant therewith an unction to Thy children, and keep them from the evil. While doing Thy work, should the haunts of vice and pollution be visited, allow no contamination therewith, nor any garment to become spotted with the flesh.

Infuse into all a thirst for higher attainments; for wiser, holier, and more exalted companions. Lead us all "unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem;" and introduce us to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first-born which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better things than that of Abel. Bestow upon us holiness, honor and dignity, in measure to feel at home with these exalted companions, and to be forever happy in their blest society.

Grant a renewed pleasure and profit while holding fellowship with the great and good of the past and present in the perusal of instructive, refining and elevating books. Especially may we have a daily and renewed delight and profit in holding fellowship with Thee, through Thine own Book of books, the blessed Bible. Amen.

A. M. Stewart.



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FATHER of all, Thy care we bless,
Which crowns our families with peace;
From Thee they spring, and by Thy hand,
Their root and branches are sustained.

2 To God, most worthy to be praised,
Be our domestic altars raised;
Who, Lord of heaven, scorns not to dwell
With saints in their obscurest cell.

3 To Thee, may each united house,
Morning and night, present their vows;
Our servants there, and rising race,
Be taught Thy precepts and Thy grace.

4 O may each future age proclaim
The honors of Thy glorious name;
While we with thankful hearts, remove
To join the family above.

Unknown.

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O CHRIST! with each returning morn
Thine image to our heart be borne;
And may we ever clearly see
Our God and Saviour, Lord, in Thee!

2 All hallowed be our walk this day;
May meekness form our early ray,
And faithful love our noontide light,
And hope our sunset, calm and bright.

3 May grace each idle thought control,
And sanctify our wayward soul;
May guile depart, and malice cease,
And all within be joy and peace.

4 Our daily course, O Jesus, bless;
Make plain the way of holiness:
From sudden falls our feet defend,
And cheer at last our journey's end.

Ancient.

MARRIAGE is honorable in all.

2 Jesus answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning, made them male and female?

3 And said, And for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh.

4 Male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name, Adam, in the day when they were created.

5 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.

6 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof.

7 And the rib which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

8 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh.

9 There was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: both Jesus was called and his disciples to the marriage.

10 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

11 Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular, so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

12 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

13 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: he is the Saviour of the body.

14 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

15 Whoso findeth a wife, findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord.

16 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.

17 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

18 Jesus said unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery; and whoso marrieth her that is put away doth commit adultery.

Prayer.—Lesson CC.

O THOU, who art infinite in every attribute, adorable in every perfection, Creator of all worlds, Father of angels and men, hallowed be Thy name. In the name of Him by whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we approach Thy throne and render devout thanks for the divine institution of the family relation, by which the sons and daughters of men, from sustaining no relation but that of descendants of the first human pair, may by marriage become as one flesh: the source whence flows the tide of human life:—the fountain from which proceed the purest and sweetest joys of earth.

Bless, we beseech Thee, all the families of this and other Christian lands, with all temporal and spiritual blessings, especially with the love of Christ, who, when on earth, honored by His presence the marriage-feast, and by the perpetual influences of the Holy Spirit.

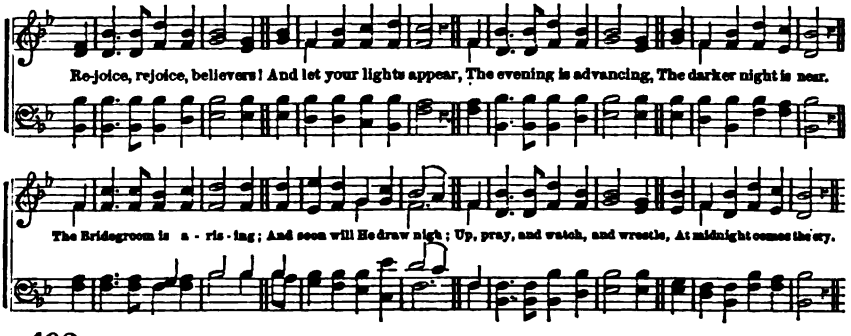
Let the marriage covenant be ever held sacred as the solemn oath, and the sin of perjury as resting upon its violators.

Bless us and all the youth of this Christian land, who are to constitute the heads of the families of present and future generations; and hasten the time when this Divine institution shall obtain throughout all nations.

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith, that being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend what is the breadth and length, the depth and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.

All which we humbly ask for our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Peter Parker.



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REJOICE, rejoice believers!
And let your lights appear,
The evening is advancing,
The darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising;
And soon will He draw nigh:
Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle,
At midnight comes the cry.

2 See that your lamps are burning,
Replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation,
The end of sin and toil.
The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near,
Go, meet Him as He cometh,
With hallelujahs clear.

3 O, wise and holy virgins,
Now raise your voices higher,
Till in your jubilations,
Ye meet the angel-choir.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
The gates wide open stand;
Up, up, ye heirs of glory,
The Bridegroom is at hand.

4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou Sun so looked for,
O'er this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of our redemption,
And ever be with Thee.

Lawrenti.

JESUS said, Because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

2 Abide in me, and I in you; as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

3 I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing.

4 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

5 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.

6 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

7 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

8 Both he that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified, are all of one; for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

9 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

10 Of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

11 He is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence.

12 Ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

13 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

14 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit. And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

16 Whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

17 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

18 Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Prayer.—Lesson CCI.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, we draw near to Thee, in humility and holy fear, and also in thankfulness of heart. We have sinned, and Thou art angry with us, and we might justly be condemned, and banished forever from Thy presence, and from all good; but we rejoice that we may be forgiven; and we come to Thy throne now in hope.

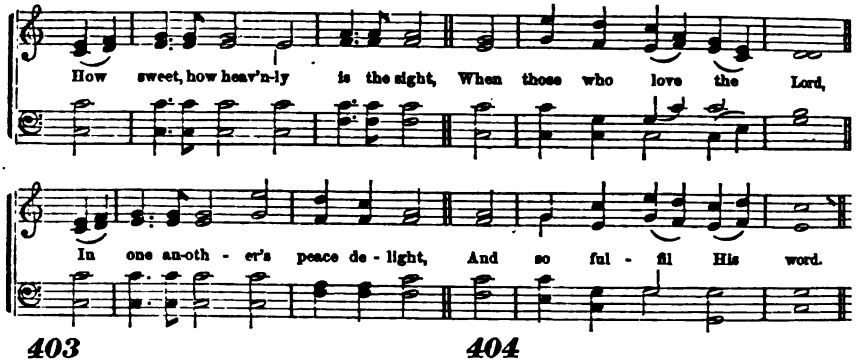
O Lord! for Thy dear Son's sake, who has died for us, blot out all our sins, restore to us Thy favor, and grant to us Thy Holy Spirit. May we be "in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." We cannot save ourselves. O God, for Christ's sake, save us; we cannot change our hearts, or of ourselves do any thing that is right and good.

O give us Thy Holy Spirit, to dwell in us, to enable us to understand Thy Holy Word, and to lead us in the ways of holiness and peace. Keep us from being led away by the temptations of the world; help us to guard our thoughts, and words, and actions, that we may not sin against Thee, and direct and strengthen us that we may always love Thee and keep Thy commandments.

And with us, we pray Thee, bless all mankind; have compassion upon the poor and suffering, every where, upon the widow and fatherless, and upon the ignorant and the erring in Christian and heathen lands. Send forth the light of Thy gospel, and bless all with the influence and consolation of Thy Holy Spirit; prosper all the means of grace, and "may Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

And now, Heavenly Father, we commit ourselves and all our interests to Thee; whether we live or die we would be Thine. Hear our supplications, and when Thou hearest, forgive, and grant us an answer of peace, and a gracious acceptance through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

John M. Dickey.



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HOW sweet, how heavenly is the sight,
When those who love the Lord,
In one another's peace delight,
And so fulfil His word:—

2 When each can feel his brother's sigh,
And with him bear a part;
When sorrow flows from eye to eye,
And joy from heart to heart:—

3 When, free from envy, scorn and pride,
Our wishes all above,
Each can his brother's failings hide,
And show a brother's love:—

4 When love, in one delightful stream,
Through every bosom flows;
And union sweet, and dear esteem,
In every action glows.

Swain.

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HAPPY the souls to Jesus joined,
And saved by grace alone;
Walking in all His ways, they find
Their heaven on earth begun.

2 The church triumphant in Thy love,—
Their mighty joys we know:
They sing the Lamb in hymns above,
And we, in hymns below.

3 Thee, in Thy glorious realm, they praise,
And bow before Thy throne:
We, in the kingdom of Thy grace;—
The kingdoms are but one.

4 The holy to the holiest leads;
From thence our spirits rise:
And he that in Thy statutes treads
Shall meet Thee in the skies.

C. Wesley.

BEHOLD, how good, and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen, for we are brethren.

3 Jesus said, A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

4 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. This is my commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you.

5 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

6 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

7 As touching brotherly love, ye need not that I write unto you, for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

8 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

9 Now the God of patience and consolation, grant you to be like-minded, one toward another, according to Christ Jesus.

10 That ye may with one mind, and one mouth, glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

11 Wherefore, receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

12 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace.

13 Fulfil ye my joy that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

14 Only let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ; that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast, in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel.

15 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

16 Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together, in the same mind, and in the same judgment.

18 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Prayer.—Lesson CCII.

O THOU, who makest darkness Thy secret place, and Thy pavilion round about Thee dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies. Thou dwellest in light which no man can approach unto. We cannot order our speech by reason of darkness. Lord, teach us what we shall say unto Thee.

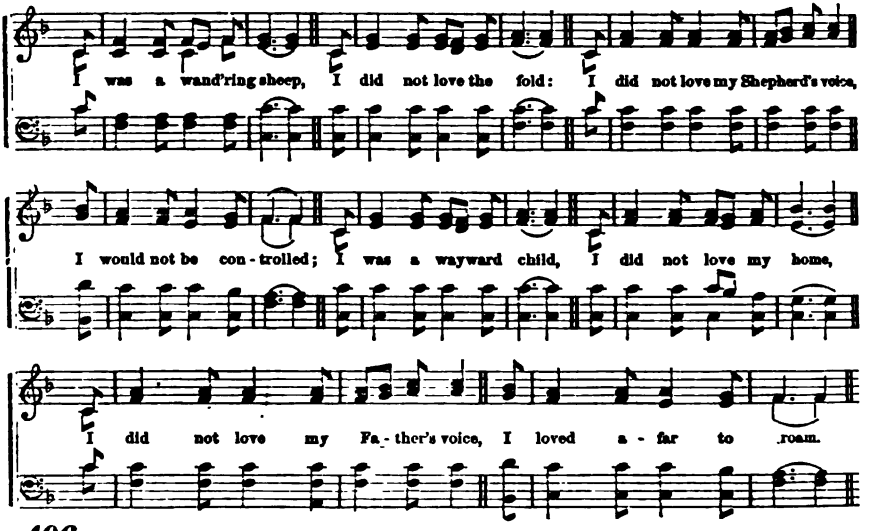
We invoke Thy gracious benediction at the beginning of this new day. Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and the evening to rejoice. We are unworthy of Thy care; yet in our unworthiness is discovered our need. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our transgressions, Thou art faithful and just to forgive them, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We plead the name and the merits of our Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. O, pour upon us the spirit of grace and supplication, that we may draw nigh unto God with sincere penitence, and find in His mercy our full pardon.

We have received, O Lord, largely of Thy bounty. We offer Thee our humble thanks for all the rich gifts from Thine open hand, forgotten so often because Thou hast never forgotten to supply them. Open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise. We thank Thee for the richer gifts of the gospel; Thy word to be the man of our counsel, the guide of our lives. We entreat Thy favor, O God, with our whole hearts. Make Thy face to shine upon us, and give us peace.

Thou art not far at any time from every one of us. Be near us especially this day, we entreat of Thee, according to our personal need. Forasmuch as we are weak and thoughtless, Oh, vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious help in guarding against our besetting sins. Give us a measure of success in our endeavors after good. Order our steps in our association with each other. May we be kind-hearted, and patient, and gentle, forgiving one another as God for Christ's sake doth forgive us. Quicken our intelligence. Subdue our will. Enliven our affections, that with a cheerful zeal we may devote ourselves to duty and to Thee, through all the day.

And let the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus. May the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Charles S. Robinson.



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I WAS a wandering sheep,
I did not love the fold,
I did not love my Shepherd's voice,
I would not be controlled.

2 I was a wayward child,
I did not love my home,
I did not love my Father's voice,
I loved afar to roam.

3 The Shepherd sought His sheep,
The Father sought His child:
They followed me o'er vale and hill,
O'er deserts waste and wild.

4 They found me nigh to death,
Famished, and faint, and lone:
They bound me with the bands of love;
They saved the wandering one.

5 Jesus my Shepherd is,
'Twas He that loved my soul,
'Twas He that washed me in His blood,
'Twas He that made me whole.

6 'Twas He that sought the lost,
That found the wandering sheep,
'Twas He that brought me to the fold,
'Tis He that still doth keep.

7 I was a wandering sheep,
I would not be controlled,
But now I love my Shepherd's voice,
I love, I love the fold!

8 I was a wayward child;
I once preferred to roam;
But now I love my Father's voice,—
I love, I love His home!

Bonar.

JESUS said unto them, God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother, and he that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

2 Now, therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

3 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

4 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

5 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart:

6 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

7 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

8 Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right.

9 Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

10 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab; and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

11 Joseph said, Haste ye and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me; tarry not.

12 And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land.

13 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

14 And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him, and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent.

15 And Jacob's sons did unto him according as he commanded them.

16 Ye shall fear every man his mother and his father.

17 Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Prayer.—Lesson CCIII.

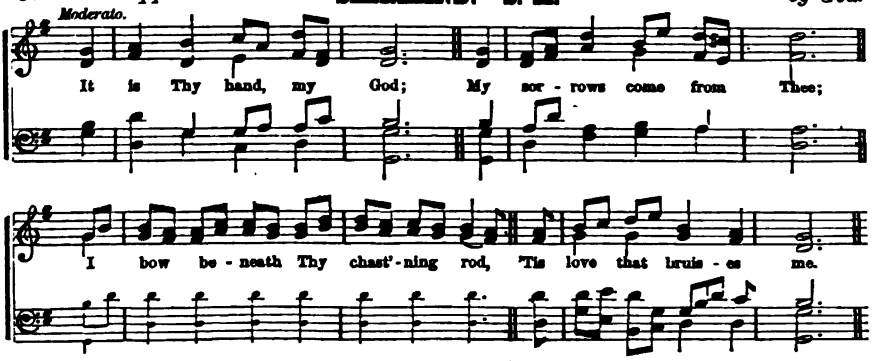
O THOU great Father of us all: we thank Thee for Thy care. We thank Thee for our homes. We thank Thee for our friends. We thank Thee for the joys of the great salvation.

To Thee we commit our bodies and our souls. Thy comfort we ask in all our sorrows, Thy shelter in all our temptations, Thy guidance in all our duties, Thy healthful restraint in all our enjoyments.

Bless us with the knowledge of Christ, with the assurance of pardon, with kindness, and frankness, and meekness, and charity. Guard our health, culture our tastes, and save our souls. Living, may we walk in the light of Thy love, and dying, may we go up to be forever with the Lord.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive blessing, and riches, and honor, and glory, and power, world without end. Amen.

T. DeWitt Talmage.



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IT is Thy hand, my God;
My sorrows come from Thee;
I bow beneath Thy chastening rod,
'Tis love that bruises me.

2 I would not murmur, Lord;
Before Thee I am dumb:
Lest I should breathe one murmuring word
To Thee for help I come.

3 My God, Thy name is love;
A Father's hand is Thine:
With tearful eyes I look above,
And cry, "Thy will be mine!"

4 I know Thy will is right,
Though it may seem severe;
Thy path is still unsullied light,
Though dark it oft appear.

Darby.

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MY soul, repeat His praise,
Whose mercies are so great;
Whose anger is so slow to rise,
So ready to abate.

2 God will not always chide;
And when His wrath is felt,
Its strokes are fewer than our crimes,
And lighter than our guilt.

3 His power subdues our sins,
And His forgiving love,
Far as the east is from the west
Doth all our guilt remove.

4 High as the heavens are raised
Above the ground we tread,
So far the riches of His grace
Our highest thoughts exceed.

Watts.

TRAIN up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

2 I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house, for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

3 Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod he shall not die.

4 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

5 The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

6 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

7 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

8 He that spareth his rod, hateth his son: but he that loveth him, chasteneth him betimes.

9 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, for there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

10 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

11 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

12 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger, to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

13 Wherefore, ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

14 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme;

15 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

16 We have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

17 He that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work.

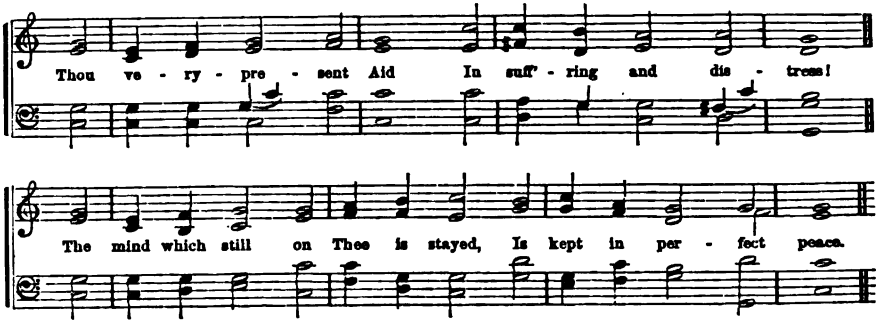
Prayer.—Lesson CCIV.

O LORD, the High and Mighty One, who inhabitest eternity, Lord of lords and King of kings, in whose hands are the destinies of individuals and nations, look down from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, upon us, Thine unworthy children, as we are assembled here this morning, teachers and pupils, to invoke Thy Divine blessing to rest upon us, Thy Holy Spirit to enlighten us, Thy supreme wisdom to guide us, and Thy mighty power to protect us during the day.

Thine by creation and redemption, we humbly bow before Thee. We confess our manifold sins, our waywardness, our disregard of our best interests for time and eternity, and our transgressions of Thy holy and righteous law.

Forgive us, our Father, these our sins and transgressions, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour and Redeemer. Give us grace, that we may humbly subordinate our stubborn wills to Thy holy will; that we may own, with entire submission, Thy sovereign power, and recognize, in whatever may befall us this day, nay, in whatever calamity may overtake us, not merely the righteous penalties of a violated law, but rather a Father's gracious love, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

W. F. Wyers.



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THOU very present Aid
In suffering and distress!
The mind, which still on Thee is stayed,
Is kept in perfect peace.

2 Sorrow and fear are gone,
Whene'er Thy face appears;
It stills the sighing orphan's moan,
And dries the widow's tears.

3 It hallows every cross,
It sweetly comforts me;
Makes me forget my every loss,
And find my all in Thee.

4 Jesus, to whom I fly,
Will all my wishes fill;
What though created streams are dry?
I have the fountain still.

C. Wesley.

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THE pity of the Lord
To those that fear His name,
Is such as tender parents feel;
He knows our feeble frame.

2 He knows we are but dust,
Scattered with every breath;
His anger, like a rising wind,
Can send us swift to death.

3 Our days are as the grass,
Or like the morning flower;
If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field,
It withers in an hour.

4 But Thy compassions, Lord,
To endless years endure;
And children's children ever find
Thy words of promise sure.

Watts.

THE LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

2 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

3 The LORD thy God is a merciful God; he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers.

4 O, give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

5 Thou, O LORD, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

6 That in the ages to come, he might show the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus.

7 Jesus wept.

8 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! Jesus, therefore, again groaning in himself, cometh to the grave.

9 When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

10 Despisest thou the riches of his goodness, and forbearance, and long-suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

11 The LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.

13 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench.

14 For, in that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

15 For we have not a high priest, which cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

17 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.

18 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

19 They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.

Prayer.—Lesson CCV.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, help us to bow in humble adoration before Thee!

Jesus, compassionate Saviour, Friend of the poor and lonely, Thou that didst pity the sorrowing, relieve the distressed, and comfort the afflicted when Thou wast on earth, lend a listening ear to the voice of our supplications, as we come into Thy presence.

O God! as Thou art mighty, we adore Thee. As Thou art holy and just, we fear Thee. But as Thou art a merciful and a compassionate Saviour, we love Thee.

We fear and tremble, when we remember that our sins have been committed against infinite holiness. But, ah! what anguish of soul should we feel at the thought of having sinned against One who hath so loved us! Blessed Jesus, is there still a refuge for us in Thy bosom? Now, when fearful storms threaten us, when darkness gathers around us, when earthly friends fail to help, when the light of hope seems to be fading away forever, we fly to Thee! Thou who didst weep in sympathy with those whom Thou lovedst, we know that Thou hast not forgotten to be gracious, now that Thou hast ascended to glory.

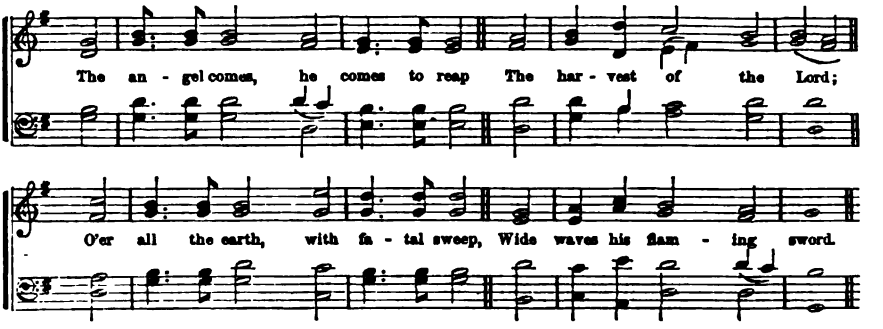
Holy Spirit, touch our hearts with a coal from Thine own altar, that we may be led to feel the power of a Saviour's compassionate tenderness and love.

Holy Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast made the morning of our days so joyous through the light of parental affection. We thank Thee for all the sympathy of earthly friends, which has assuaged the sorrows of our infancy and childhood.

Oh, let us not forget Thee, Thou infinite Source of all love, now when we are launching forth upon the dark and stormy sea of life. In Thy mercy we can confide, as in one who is so compassionate and merciful. May Thy love ever be our light! As Christ hath pitied us in our sorrows on earth, oh, let us not by our continual forgetfulness of Him, bring upon ourselves His condemnation at last.

We thank Thee, O God, that Thou hast strown the pathway of knowledge with so many delights. Inspire our hearts with renewed zeal in our endeavors to treasure up truth. May our lives be spent in honoring Him, who hath so surrounded them with proofs of His love. And to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, will we render praise forever. Amen.

Amos Richardson.



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THE angel comes, he comes to reap
The harvest of the Lord:
O'er all the earth, with fatal sweep,
Wide waves his flaming sword.

2 And who are they in sheaves, to bide
The fire of vengeance, bound?
The tares, whose rank luxuriant pride
Choked the fair crop around.

3 And who are they reserved in store,
God's treasure-house to fill?
The wheat a hundred-fold that bore,
Amid surrounding ill.

4 O King of mercy, grant us power
The fiery wrath to flee;
In Thy destroying angel's hour,
O gather us to Thee!

Heber.

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WAIT on the Lord, and keep His way,
And thee exalt shall He
Th' earth to inherit; when cut off
The wicked thou shalt see.

2 I saw the wicked great in power,
Spread like a green-bay tree:
He pass'd, yea, was not; him I sought,
But found he could not be.

3 Mark thou the perfect, and behold
The man of uprightness;
Because that surely of this man
The latter end is peace.

4 But those men that transgressors are
Shall be destroy'd together;
The latter end of wicked men
Shall be cut off forever.

Scotch Version.

IT is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. For our God is a consuming fire.

2 If we sin wilfully, after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

3 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

4 Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

5 There is no peace, saith the LORD, to the wicked.

6 He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

7 The angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains, under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day.

8 Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

9 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.

10 And before him shall be gathered all nations, and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

11 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

12 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

13 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal.

14 And the devil, that deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

15 The fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

16 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema, Maranatha.

17 He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

18 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.

Prayer.—Lesson CCVI.

ETERNAL God, it is meet that men should worship Thee: for in Thee we live, move, and have our being; and Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

We come to put honor upon Thee in Thine ordinances of worship, and through Thy dear Son. No man cometh unto Thee but by Him; and in no other name do we come. But, confessing ourselves sinners, and magnifying Christ, we cast ourselves alone for acceptance on His merits and intercessions. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy dear Son's sake.

Teach us by thy Spirit that we shall die; that Thou hast already numbered our days, and wilt soon award us according to our deeds. Impress us with the solemnities of that day in which Thou wilt judge the world by Jesus Christ.

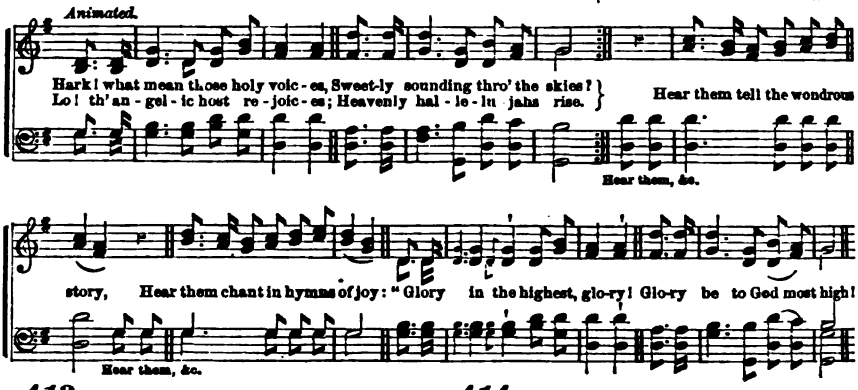
Teach us that for the actions of this very day we shall in that day render account, when it will be too late to repair sins; to perform neglected duties; or accept a Saviour refused and despised. Save us now, O God, from the appalling doom of the ungodly and unbelieving. Exclude us not in the judgment from the glorious fellowship of the ransomed of all nations, who shall praise Thy wonders with voices as the voices of many waters and of mighty thunderings. Banish us not with Thine enemies from Thy blissful presence into outer darkness, where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, where their worm dieth not and their fire is not quenched, and the smoke of their torment goeth up forever and ever.

Thou canst save us. Thou canst turn our hearts to Thee. Thou canst persuade and enable us to lay hold upon Jesus Christ as He is freely given us in Thy Gospel. And, assaying so to do by Thy grace, we here profess that we do accept Him to be our Saviour against the perils and temptations of life and the dreadful ordeal of death and judgment; to save us from sin here and from hell hereafter. We have no righteousness but His. And, relying on His strength only, we declare we will strive to live soberly, righteously, and godly; to do Thy work, and advance Thy glorious kingdom on earth.

Oh God, save our lost world. Own and honor us in this great work. Look in love upon our land. Cause righteousness to prevail. Give needed grace to our President, and all in authority.

Bless with Thy salvation men of all classes, conditions, and degrees. All which we ask for Thy dear Son's sake, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Robert Audley Browne.



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HARK! what mean those holy voices,
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo! the angelic host rejoices;
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

2 Hear them tell the wondrous story,
Hear them chant in hymns of joy:
"Glory in the highest, glory!
Glory be to God most high!

3 Peace on earth, good-will from heaven,
Reaching far as man is found;
Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven!
Loud our golden harps shall sound.

4 Christ is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth His praises sing!
Oh, receive whom God appointed
For your Prophet, Priest, and King!

5 Haste, ye mortals, to adore Him:
Learn His name, and taste His joy:
Till in heaven ye sing before Him,
'Glory be to God most high!'"

Cawood.

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CALL Jehovah thy salvation,
Rest beneath the Almighty's shade,
In His secret habitation
Dwell, nor ever be dismayed:

2 There no tumult can alarm thee,
Thou shalt dread no hidden snare;
Guile nor violence can harm thee,
In eternal safeguard there.

3 Thee, though winds and waves be swelling,
God, thine hope, shall bear through all;
Plague shall not come near thy dwelling,
Thee no evil shall befall:

4 He shall charge His angel-legions
Watch and ward o'er thee to keep,
Though thou walk in hostile regions,
Though in desert wilds thou sleep.

5 Since, with pure and true affection,
Thou on God hast set thy love,
With the wings of His protection
He will shield thee from above.

Montgomery.

THE Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.

2 Of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire. Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation.

3 Behold, angels came and ministered unto Jesus. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

4 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

5 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

6 The harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity.

7 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.

8 Likewise I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the angels of God, over one sinner that repenteth.

9 And it came to pass that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom.

10 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

11 Ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

12 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

13 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the LORD is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

14 And it came to pass, that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians, a hundred four score and five thousand.

15 And Jesus was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Prayer.—Lesson CCVII.

O GOD, the mighty Maker of heaven and earth, we adore Thee as that God in whom we live, move, and have our being. With the angels in Thy presence, whom, like the souls Thou hast given us, Thou hast made spirits, we would, this hour, join in rendering to Thee that reverent worship which is Thy due, saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power."

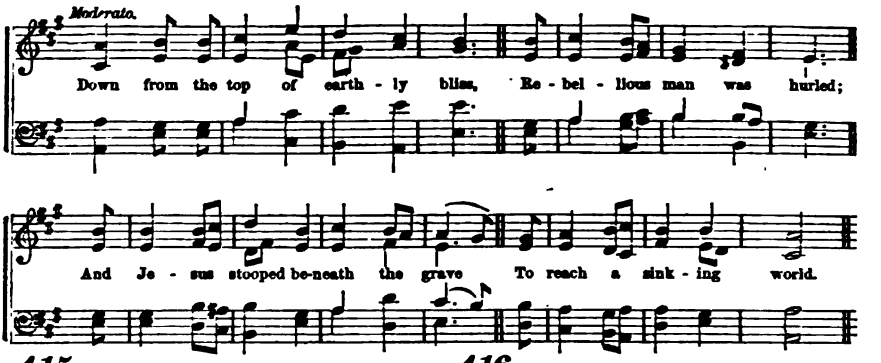
Yet, O God, we confess our sinfulness in Thy sight, and our unworthiness of this privilege. Let Thy Holy Spirit come and cleanse, as well as quicken us. O give us that fervent love and admiration of our dear Saviour that filled the angels, that at his birth, sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will to men." Like them, may we rejoice to bear these glad tidings to those that know them not. Fill our hearts with the deepest concern for their salvation; make us faithful in laboring for that end. Give us a zeal that will not rest while those of our own age are perishing around us.

We mourn our coldness and hardness of heart, and confess our guilt before Thee. O come and fill us with love, so that our feet shall run to serve Thee, and our lips be full of the riches of Thy grace. Let the angels that ministered strength to our Master, so fill us with the energy of heaven, that we shall not grow weary in well-doing; and according to Thy promise, let them encamp around us, lest we fall into sin in the midst of the temptations through which duty's path may lie. Make us strong to work for Thee, and give us brave hearts as we fight against sin.

And O, our God, follow the feeble efforts we make with the blessed influence of Thy Holy Spirit. Unless it shall give success to what is done, it will only be strength spent in vain, and breath wasted. Come, then, we beseech Thee, O God, and work in us and especially by us, and when our labor is over and life ended, fit us for Thy service in heaven, that in that city of the Living God, the New Jerusalem, we may be part of the innumerable company that stand at Thy right hand.

And in that day, when the Son of Man shall come in His glory, in the presence of angels and men, we will ascribe all the praise to the Father that hath planned salvation, to the Son that hath redeemed us, and the Spirit that sanctified us, one triune God, forever. Amen.

George P. Hays.



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DOWN from the top of earthly bliss
Rebellious man was hurled;
And Jesus stooped beneath the grave
To reach a sinking world.

2 O love, of infinite degree!
Unmeasurable grace,
Must heaven's eternal Darling die
To save a traitorous race?

3 Must angels sink forever down,
And burn in quenchless fire,
While God forsakes His shining throne
To raise us wretches higher?

4 O for this love, let earth and skies,
With hallelujahs ring,
And the full choir of human tongues
All hallelujahs sing.

Watts.

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YE sons of men, a feeble race,
Exposed to every snare,
Come, make the Lord your dwelling-place
O come, and trust His care.

2 No ill shall enter where you dwell;
Or if the plague come nigh,
And sweep the wicked down to hell,
It lifts His saints on high.

3 He'll give His angels charge to keep
Your feet in all their ways,
To watch your pillow while you sleep,
And guard your happy days.

4 Their hands shall bear you lest you fall,
And dash against the stones:
Are they not servants at His call?
And sent t' attend His sons?

Watts.

THE Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

2 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house.

3 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul as he sat in his house, with his javelin in his hand: and Saul sought to smite David, even to the wall with the javelin.

4 There was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon: and the dragon fought and his angels,

5 And prevailed not; neither was there place found any more in heaven.

6 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him.

7 The angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains, under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day.

8 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name, Apollyon.

9 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? and he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And there was a good way off from them a herd of many swine feeding.

10 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

11 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

12 We would have come unto you, even I, Paul, once and again, but Satan hindered us.

13 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

14 The seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

15 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan, as lightning fall from heaven.

16 I fear lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity which is in Christ.

17 In time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

Prayer.—Lesson CCVIII.

O GOD, Thou art the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Have mercy on us, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, and cause Thy face to shine upon us.

We thank Thee that Thou hast fashioned us in Thine own image, and that Thou hast made us immortal. O God, visit us continually, and show us Thy salvation.

We thank Thee for the sure Word of Prophecy that shines upon our minds and hearts, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Intercessor. Thou hast visited and blessed us with innumerable blessings. Forsake us not, O God, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

O, send upon us Thy Holy Spirit, Thou ever-living and true God, and enter and sanctify our hearts and lives, that we may be Thine forever. Enable us to come to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. Grant us faith in His infinite merits, and enable us in all things to follow His blessed example. Help us to cultivate our minds and hearts, and to devote all to the promotion of Thy glory. Be with us this day. Grant us wisdom, truth and grace, that in all things, we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

Bless this institution of learning. Guide and illumine both teachers and scholars. Put honor on Thy Word. May all envy, and wrath, and malice, and clamor, and evil-speaking, and every evil work be banished hence. Grant, O God, that we all may cherish the graces of Thy Spirit, that we may be diligent, fervent and faithful to the end. Help us to be truthful, honest, prudent, chaste and righteous, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Help us to succor the poor and needy. Help us to be abundant in every good word and work, and to spend and be spent for Christ. Pour out Thy Spirit, O God, upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Glory. Grant this, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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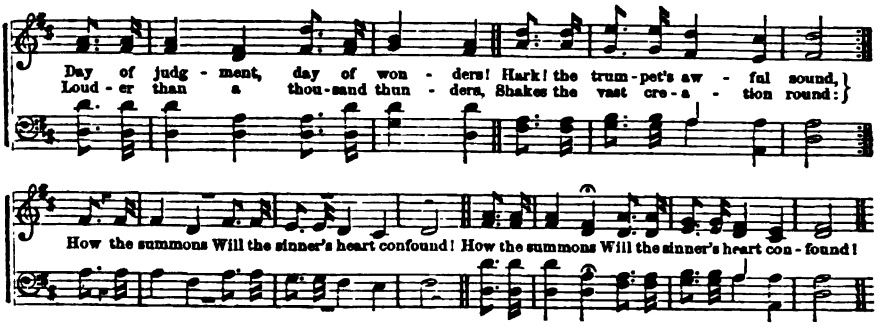

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DAY of judgment, day of wonders!
Hark! the trumpet's awful sound,
Louder than a thousand thunders,
Shakes the vast creation round.
How the summons
Will the sinner's heart confound!

2 See the Judge, our nature wearing,
Clothed in majesty divine!
You who long for His appearing,
Then shall say, "This Lord is mine."
Gracious Saviour
Own me in that day for Thine.

3 At His call the dead awaken,
Rise to life from earth and sea:
All the powers of nature shaken
By His looks prepare to flee:
Careless sinner,
What will then become of thee?

4 Horrors past imagination
Will surprise your trembling heart,
When you hear your condemnation,
"Hence, accursed wretch, depart!
Thou with Satan
And his angels have thy part."

5 But to those who have confessed,
Loved and served the Lord below,
He will say, "Come near, ye blessed,
See the kingdom I bestow:
You forever
Shall my love and glory know."

6 Under sorrows and reproaches
May this thought our courage raise:
Swiftly God's great day approaches,
Sighs shall then be changed to praise:
We shall triumph
When the world is in a blaze.

Newton.

BE sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

2 He that committeth sin is of the devil, for the devil sinneth from the beginning.

3 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

4 The Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

5 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

6 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made, and he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

7 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden;

8 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die

9 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know, that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened; and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

10 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her, and he did eat.

11 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils, from the soul of his foot unto his crown.

12 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan, to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

13 Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, to keep back part of the price of the land?

14 Neither give place to the devil.

15 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his devices.

16 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

17 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.

DOXOLOGY.

Great Jehovah, we adore Thee,
God the Father, God the Son,
God the Spirit, joined in glory
On the same eternal throne;
Endless praises
To Jehovah, Three in One!

Prayer.—Lesson CCIX.

GOD of infinite power and grace! help us to realize our constant exposure to the wiles of the great adversary, who, like a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. We thank Thee that we are not ignorant of his devices, that Thou hast so faithfully revealed his character, warned us against his snares, and pointed us to our sure refuge.

Weak and defenceless as we are in ourselves, what are we that we should contend with a foe so malignant and so formidable? We would feel our own weakness and helplessness, and trust alone in Thee, the God of everlasting strength. Hold Thou us up, and we shall be safe.

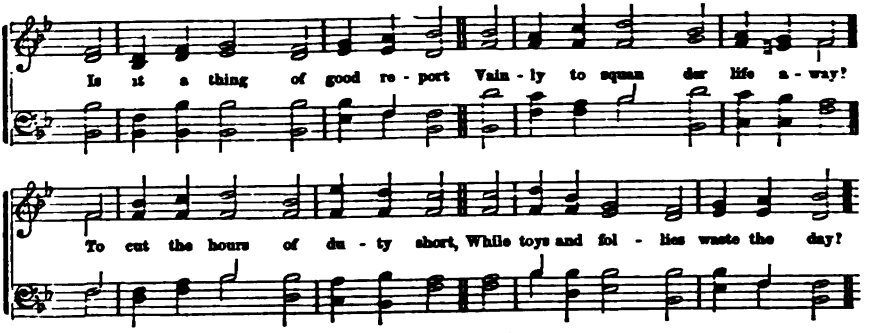
We bless Thee for the assurance that the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and that having been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin, He is touched with a feeling of our infirmities, and fully able to succor those who are tempted.

We would look to Jesus, who is stronger than the strong man armed, possessing all power in heaven and in earth; and as He overcame, so may we, trusting in His name, obtain the final victory over all our foes.

Grant, O Lord, that by all our works, we may show that we have indeed been delivered from the power of Satan, and set into the glorious liberty wherewith Thou dost make Thy people free. Suffer us not to be tempted above what we are able to bear, but may Thy grace ever prove sufficient for us. If our faith should be tried, let it not fail. May Satan gain no advantage over us; but taking to ourselves the shield of faith, may we be enabled successfully to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one, and come off more than conquerors through the blood of the Lamb. When the enemy comes in like a flood, lift up Thine own standard, and cause all our trials to redound to Thy praise, and our spiritual advancement.

We bless Thee, O Thou divine Saviour, that our race is not always to remain under the dominion of the prince of darkness, the god of this world, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Oh, let Thy kingdom speedily come in all its power and glory. Defeat the designs of the enemy, and let his power be restrained, that he may deceive the nations of the earth no more. Let truth triumph over error, and holiness over sin, until the earth, now the scene of rebellion and misery, shall become as the paradise of God. And in that great day, when the destiny of man shall be fixed, may we all be owned as the redeemed of the Lord, and be welcomed to that kingdom, where no enemy shall ever molest, and where our present conflicts shall be followed by eternal triumph and joy; and not unto us, but unto Thy name be all the praise forever. Amen.

Jacob Helfenstein.



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IS it a thing of good report
Vainly to squander life away?
To cut the hours of duty short,
While toys and follies waste the day?

2 Doth it become the Christian name
To venture near the tempter's door?
To sort with men of evil frame,
And yet presume to stand secure?

3 Am I my own sufficient guard,
While I expose my soul to shame?
Can the short joys of sin reward
The lasting blemish of my name?

4 O! may it be my constant choice,
To walk with men of grace below,
Till I arrive where heavenly joys,
And never-fading honors grow.

Watts.

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SAVIOUR! I see my guilty course
Will end in pain and sad remorse:
Teach me to say, though fools deride,
My Father! Thou shalt be my Guide.

2 No more shall sinners lead astray
My feet from Wisdom's pleasant way;
From this blest hour will I decide—
My Father! Thou shalt be my Guide.

3 If youthful sins assault my heart,
Or Satan tempt, with Christ to part,
In Thee my Refuge, will I hide—
My Father! Thou shalt be my Guide.

4 By prayer I'll seek Thy will to know,
Where Thou wouldst have me stay or go;
And where I dwell, do Thou abide—
My Father! Thou shalt be my Guide.

Unknown.

BE not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners.

2 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

3 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

4 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

5 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. Forsake the foolish, and live, and go in the way of understanding.

6 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but the companion of fools shall be destroyed.

7 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

8 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceiveth not in him the lips of knowledge.

9 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel.

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

11 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

12 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

13 Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man thou shalt not go.

14 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God; but he that doeth evil, hath not seen God.

15 Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

16 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind.

18 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do; and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do.

Prayer.—Lesson CCX.

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, who inhabitest eternity, and fillest the universe with Thy presence! before whom the angels bow and the archangels veil their faces, unable to look upon the glory of Thy face; Thou, in Thy infinite love, hast taught us, sinful creatures of earth, to call Thee, Our Father! and encouraged us to come and make known to Thee all our needs.

O, help us, as we approach into Thy blissful presence, to put away all worldly thoughts and desires, and to bow before Thee, who art the King of kings, in reverence and awe. Thou art infinite in power and perfect in holiness. We are of the dust, and polluted with sin, and unworthy to take Thy holy name upon our lips. We wonder and adore that matchless grace which has made the way of access to Thee so easy. Putting off the garment of our own righteousness, we have only to come in the name of Jesus, plead His sufferings and death in our behalf, and Thou wilt hear our every call; even before we call, Thou hearest, and while we are yet speaking, Thou answerest; and every thing in heaven and on earth is ours to enjoy.

O, our Father! look upon Christ, we beseech Thee, and for His sake blot out our transgressions. Bestow on each, out of Thy store-house of mercies, what Thou seest is most needful for each; raise what in us is low; strengthen what is weak; give us clearer apprehension of truth and duty, than we have ever before had; give to the tempted one, succor; to the doubting and unbelieving, faith; to the proud, humility; to the ignorant, knowledge; and to all, wisdom to rightly apply Thy truths which shall be learned this day; and to both pupils and teachers, such command of all our powers as shall enable us faithfully and successfully to perform our various duties to Thy honor, and to the good of our own souls.

Be with us during this day, and every day, to control all our acts, our words, and thoughts. May we so live each day, that our very presence may savor of truth and heaven.

We bless Thee, O God, that Thou hast made us co-laborers with Thee, in carrying forward this glorious work. Make us more earnest and efficient, we pray Thee, in Thy service; give us greater command of all our powers, greater zeal in the work of enlightening and redeeming the world from ignorance and sin; and to those before Thee, who have never engaged in this labor at all, who have no love or interest in it, but have hitherto stood in the way, do Thou impart unto them understanding, and have mercy upon their souls.

Then, having done what we could on earth to extend the knowledge and riches of Thy love, may we meet around Thy throne an unbroken band, and join in that heavenly anthem of redeeming love, To Him that washed us in His blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God, be ascriptions of praise now and forever. Amen.

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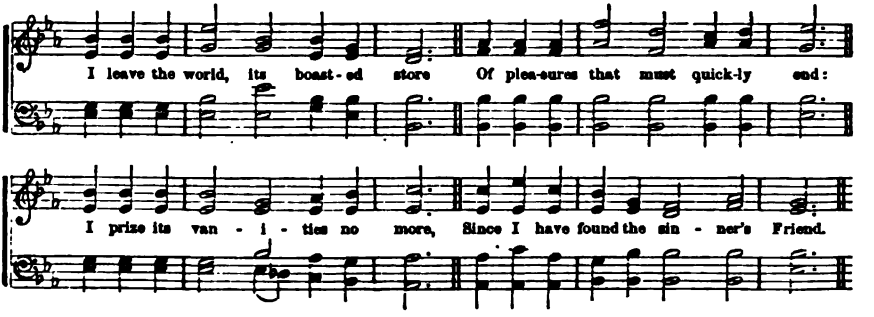

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I LEAVE the world, its boasted store
Of pleasures that must quickly end:
I prize its vanities no more,
Since I have found the sinner's Friend.

2 I care not if the world revile,
The world that hates my Master's cause;
The world, I know, would quickly smile,
Were I again what once I was.

3 Then farewell world, and farewell all
That dares contest a Saviour's claims:
I'll hear Him, and obey His call,
Regardless who approves or blames.

4 I'll praise Him while He gives me breath,
Nor then will cease to sing His love:
For when my voice is lost in death,
'Twill join in nobler psalms above.

Unknown.

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BESET with snares on every hand,
In life's uncertain path I stand:
Saviour divine, diffuse Thy light
To guide my doubtful footsteps right.

2 Engage this roving, treacherous heart,
To fix on Mary's better part;
To scorn the trifles of a day,
For joys that none can take away.

3 Then let the wildest storms arise;
Let tempests mingle earth and skies;
No fatal shipwreck shall I fear,
But all my treasures with me bear.

4 If Thou, my Saviour, still art nigh,
Cheerful I live, and joyful die:
Secure, when mortal comforts flee,
To find ten thousand worlds in Thee.

Doddridge.

IF any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.

2 All the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

3 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

4 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

5 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul; he that keepeth understanding, shall find good.

6 Bow down thine ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply thy heart unto my knowledge.

7 Wisdom is good with an inheritance, and by it there is profit to them that see the sun: for wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence; but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

8 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

9 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do his commandments; his praise endureth forever.

10 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

11 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much; and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

12 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly as far as light excelleth darkness.

13 Doth not wisdom cry, and understanding put forth her voice? She standeth on the top of high places, by the way, in the places of the paths. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors:

14 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. O ye simple, understand wisdom; and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

15 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge, rather than choice gold.

16 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired, are not to be compared to it.

17 Whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the LORD.

18 But he that sinneth against me, wrongeth his own soul; all they that hate me love death.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXI.

OUR FATHER, who art in Heaven, Thou art the Fountain of all wisdom, the Source of every blessing; we are ignorant, and in want of all things. Before Thee we humble ourselves, and acknowledge our unworthiness; yet, because Thy tender mercy is ever manifested towards us, we now seek Thy favor to attend our efforts as we engage in the duties of this day.

May we feel that Thou God seest us, in all we do; that all our desires, our most secret thoughts, as well as our actions, are all known to Thee.

Help us, therefore, to cherish a right spirit, to choose wisely the objects which shall occupy our minds; strengthen us in our weakness; enlighten our understanding; grant us wisdom from on high; sanctify the knowledge we may attain, and enable us so to use it that, in all we do, we may act with an eye single to Thy glory.

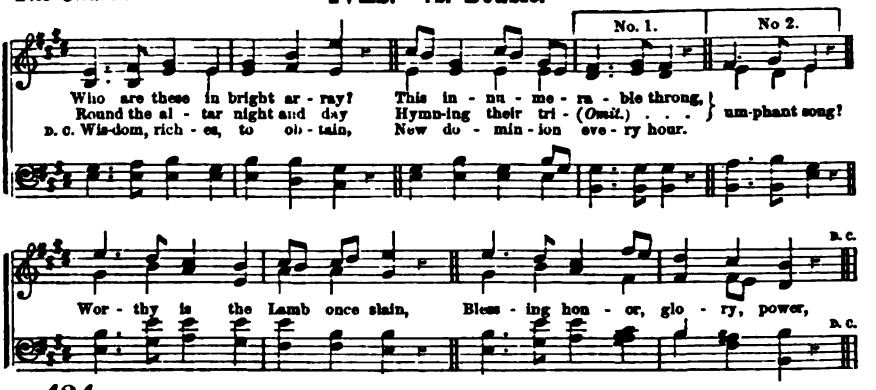
Prepare us, we beseech Thee, to use all our powers so that we may do good to others.

Preserve us from dangers, seen and unseen; shield us from temptations, or grant us grace to resist when assailed by them.

Enable us so to employ the talents committed to us, that we may, at last, be accepted by Thee as good and faithful servants.

Pardon all our sins; sanctify to us all the events of Thy providence, and finally save us through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Ariel Parish.



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WHO are these in bright array?
This innumerable throng,
Round the altar night and day,
Hymning their triumphant song?
Worthy is the Lamb once slain,
Blessing, honor, glory, power,
Wisdom, riches, to obtain;
New dominion every hour.

2 These through fiery trials trod;
These from great affliction came;
Now before the throne of God,
Sealed with His eternal name,
Clad in raiment pure and white,
Victor palms in every hand,
Through their great Redeemer's might,
More than conquerors they stand.

3 Hunger, thirst, disease unknown,
On immortal fruits they feed;
Them the Lamb amidst the throne
Shall to living fountains lead;
Joy and gladness banish sighs:
Perfect love dispels their fears;
And forever from their eyes
God shall wipe away their tears.

Montgomery.

THOUGH after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet, in my flesh shall I see God:

2 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another: though my reins be consumed within me.

3 I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

4 When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

5 They which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto the angels, and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

6 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.

7 In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

8 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.

9 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am: that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me.

10 We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

11 Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

12 Ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels;

13 To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect;

14 And to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

15 After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands,

16 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise the name of God most high;
Praise Him, all below the sky;
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
As through countless ages past,
Evermore His praise shall last.
Praise the name of God most high;
Praise Him all below the sky.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXII.

WHO is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, wondrous in working?

Truly Thou art great, and greatly to be praised, and Thy greatness is unsearchable. Thou art the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords; who only hast immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honor and power everlasting.

We thank Thee for the revelation of Thy grace and glory in Thy works and Thy Word, and in the person and office of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. But especially at this time would we praise Thee for the knowledge Thou hast given us of that world where Thine honor dwelleth. We thank Thee that it is revealed as full of beauty and blessedness. As a land of everlasting spring, never-fading flowers, and fountains of living waters. A place of rest from the toils and trials, the wants and woes, and the sins and sufferings of earth. A city, whose streets are gold, whose gates are pearl, and whose light is the Lamb.

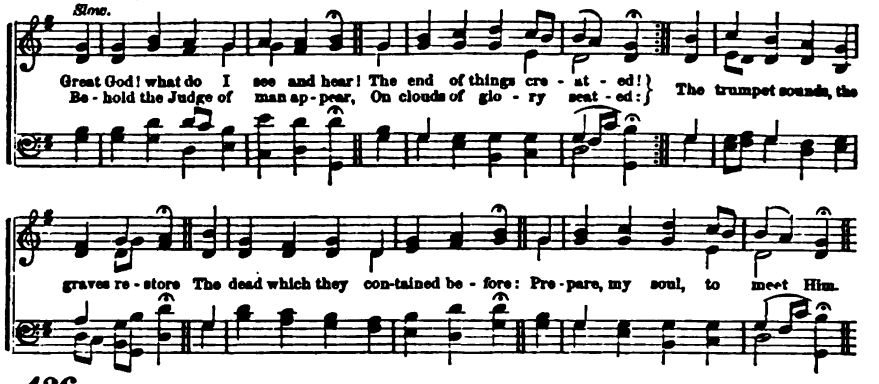
We would also bless Thee that Thou hast told us who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, and stand in His holy place. Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul to vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. Yea, that the ransomed of the Lord shall return unto Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads, having come up out of great tribulation, and washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

And we would thank Thee for the assurance that a multitude which no man can number shall be gathered into this world of glory. That many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. We praise Thee that so many patriarchs, and prophets, apostles and martyrs, have already been added unto the General Assembly and Church of the first-born whose names are written in Heaven. We bless Thee that so many whom we have known and loved on earth, with whom we have taken sweet counsel, and walked to the house of God, have also been gathered into the garner of the Lord.

And at last, when we have been made perfect through suffering, admit us to Thy presence where there is fulness of joy, and to Thy right hand where there are pleasures for evermore; when with the ransomed of all ages and nations, we will ascribe unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise, and all-powerful God, honor and glory forever. Amen.

M. C. Sutphen.

The Wicked, their **MONMOUTH.** *Company and Doom.*



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GREAT God! what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
Behold the Judge of man appear,
On clouds of glory seated:
The trumpet sounds; the graves restore
The dead which they contained before:
Prepare, my soul, to meet Him.

2 The dead in Christ shall first arise,
At the last trumpet's sounding,
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
With joy their Lord surrounding:
No gloomy fears their souls dismay,
His presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet Him.

3 But sinners, filled with guilty fears,
Behold His wrath prevailing;
For they shall rise, and find their tears
And sighs are unavailing:
The day of grace is past and gone;
Trembling they stand before the throne,
All unprepared to meet Him.

4 Great God! what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
Behold the Judge of man appear,
On clouds of glory seated:
Low at His cross I wait the day
When heaven and earth shall pass away,
And thus prepare to meet Him.

Martin Luther.

IF ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.

2 The LORD shall reward the door of evil according to his wickedness.

3 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his hands.

4 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?

5 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

6 The wicked is reserved to the day of destruction: they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

7 The wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

8 The transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

9 The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

10 The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff, which the wind driveth away. Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

11 There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

12 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

13 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

14 The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways: according to his doings will he recompense him.

15 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity.

16 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

17 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

18 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

19 The fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXIII.

O MIGHTY GOD, Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity. Thou art righteous in all Thy ways, and holy in all Thy works. Thou art known by the judgment which Thou executest. Who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord? Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne; mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.

We adore Thy majesty. We acknowledge the perfect excellence of Thy law, and the authority of Thy claims. We confess that we have rebelled, and done wickedly in Thy sight, and believe that Thou art most justly displeased toward us for our manifold and grievous sins.

Impart unto us, we beseech Thee, just views of Thy holiness, and our duty. Set before us the folly and the danger of disobeying Thee. Let us not be insensible to the warnings of Thy gospel. Dispose us to regard the dreadful doom of the wicked, that we may be admonished to flee from the wrath to come. Incline us to withdraw from those associations which corrupt and harden the heart. Suffer us not to perish with the ungodly and scornful.

Show us that we cannot justify ourselves before Thy perfect law, nor answer Thee for the least among our transgressions. Teach us to look upon Him who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. May Thy Holy Spirit illumine us with the knowledge of Christ, and lead us to hearty repentance, and faith in the precious blood of atonement. Let our hearts be renewed by Thy grace, and our defiled natures be made meet to partake of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Especially do we entreat Thee, to defend us from the peculiar temptations and dangers besetting youth. Let us not fall a prey to our evil propensities. Render harmless the power of those who would betray our souls. Save us from the peril of false doctrines. Preserve us from waywardness, and intellectual pride, and skepticism. May the law of the Lord delight our hearts, and Thy holy gospel be our spiritual nourishment from day to day. Enable us so to live, that we shall not fear to die. And in the judgment, may we stand, not with Thine enemies, to share their eternal doom, but with those that are redeemed by the blood of Jesus, who shall dwell in Thy presence and enjoy Thee forever.

We pray that a generation may grow up in our land, that shall love Thy testimonies, and whose powers, sanctified by the gospel, shall be employed in the labors of Thy kingdom.

We humbly beseech Thee to accept us, and grant us these blessings, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord.

"Our Father, who art in heaven," etc.

T. Ralston Smith.

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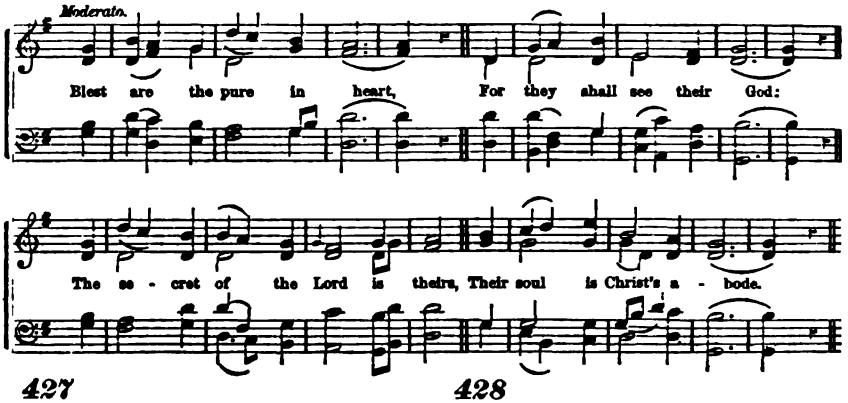

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BLEST are the pure in heart,
For they shall see their God:
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens,
Our life and peace to bring;
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King;—

3 He to the lowly soul
Doth still Himself impart,
And for His dwelling, and His throne,
Chooseth the pure in heart.

4 Lord, we Thy presence seek:
May ours this blessing be;
Oh, give the pure and lowly heart
A temple meet for Thee!

Unknown.

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FROM earliest dawn of life,
Thy goodness we have shared;
And still we live to sing Thy praise,
By sovereign mercy spared.

2 To learn and do Thy will,
O Lord, our hearts incline;
And o'er the path of future life
Command Thy light to shine.

3 While taught Thy word of truth,
May we that word receive;
And when we hear of Jesus' name,
In that blest name believe.

4 O, let us never tread
The broad, destructive road;
But trace those holy paths, which lead
To glory and to God.

Unknown.

KEEP thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

2 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandment.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

5 Now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

6 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul.

7 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

8 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart, and with all your soul.

9 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.

10 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

11 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much.

12 He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

13 The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us.

14 Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

15 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

16 The love of Christ constraineth us.

17 The Lord direct your hearts unto the love of God, and unto the patient waiting for Christ.

18 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXIV.

MOST MERCIFUL and Holy Father, grant unto us the spirit of grace and supplication, and enable us to come to Thy mercy-seat with humble and contrite hearts.

We are guilty and unworthy. We have broken Thy commandments. We have sinned against Thy grace and goodness, and have grieved Thee by our pride, our unbelief, our selfishness, and our ingratitude. We have partaken of Thy bounties often with a thankless spirit, as if they were our rightful due, forgetting Thee, who art the only Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Be merciful unto us, our heavenly Father, and for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, forgive us, and blot out our iniquities from the book of Thy remembrance. Make us truly penitent and contrite in heart.

Bestow upon us the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, and work in us effectually, inclining us to yield a willing obedience to His gracious call, and to give our hearts fully and freely unto Thee.

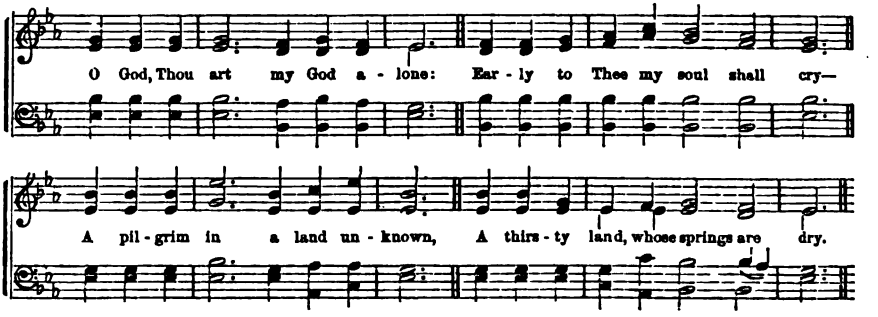
Chasten and purify our affections. Strengthen us in the time of temptation, that we may be enabled to resist even the beginnings of evil. Let not our easily-besetting sins prevail suddenly against us, and let us not give place to a perverse or peevish temper, a censorious or envious spirit, or any thought or act contrary to the mind of our ever-blessed Lord and Saviour.

Let us not be puffed up with vain conceit of our talents, our standing, or our goodness; but may we ever manifest a spirit of kindness, meekness, and gentleness, in all our words and actions. Endow us with a sound and understanding mind, and instruct us to estimate rightly the value of time, so that we may wisely improve our opportunities, and glorify Thee in the earnest performance of the common duties of every day, and in doing good to all Thy creatures, no matter how poor or lowly they may be.

As a loving father guideth his children, so do Thou, O Lord, keep us by Thy side, and lead us safely onward, guarding us against the snares of the world, and defending us amid its darkness and dangers.

And may the peace of God, that passeth all understanding, be our portion for evermore. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Thos. Mackellar.



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O GOD, Thou art my God alone:
Early to Thee my soul shall cry—
A pilgrim in a land unknown,
A thirsty land, whose springs are dry.

2 O that it were as it hath been,
When, praying in the holy place,
Thy power and glory I have seen,
And marked the footsteps of Thy grace!

3 Thee, in the watches of the night,
When I remember on my bed,
Thy presence makes the darkness light;
Thy guardian wings are round my head.

4 Better than life itself Thy love,
Dearer than all beside to me;
For whom have I in heaven above,
Or what on earth, compared with Thee?

Montgomery.

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JUST as I am—and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am—though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without—
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind:
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe—
I come, O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott.

IF it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served, that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

2 Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

3 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened; nor the clouds return after the rain:

4 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened;

5 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low; and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low:

6 Also, when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fear shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

7 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel be broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.

8 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

9 Hearken unto me now, therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

10 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

11 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee.

12 He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

13 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

14 Then began Jesus to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not.

15 Jesus said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets and followed him.

16 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXV.

O LORD God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, the God of salvation. Thou alone art good. Thou art the fountain of all good. Thy favor is life, and Thy loving-kindness is better than life. Who would not love Thee? Who would not desire Thy favor, and rest under the shadow of Thy wings?

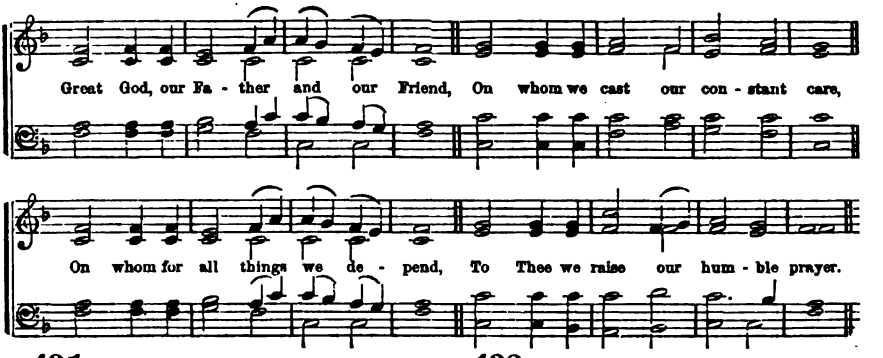
But, O God, we are sinners. We have broken Thy law, and abused Thy patience, and been ungrateful for Thy mercies. For this we are righteously condemned. But we bless Thee that Thou hast provided salvation for us, and hast removed every obstacle out of the way of the sinner's return to Thee. We mourn that we have neglected Thee, and spurned Thy counsels, and thought little of Thy grace, and tried to be happy in sin without Thee.

But now, at last, we come in Thy own accepted time. We believe Thy assurance that Thou didst so love the world as to give Thy only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. We gratefully acknowledge and accept Thy gift of Jesus Christ to us. We take Thy Son Jesus Christ as our only Redeemer. We bless Thee for His atoning death.

Now, Father, according to Thy own promise, cleanse away all our sins in His blood. Clothe us with His perfect righteousness. Remove all condemnation from us. Thou hast commanded us to believe in the name of Thy only-begotten Son. Thou hast certified us of peace and pardon through Him, upon our believing. Lord, we do believe. Weak and imperfect as our faith is, we do believe Thy testimony concerning Him. We credit this great grace. We hope in Thy mercy and Thy truth. We come just as we are, with all our sins and our helplessness. We trust in the boundless free grace given to us in Christ. Take us, Lord Jesus. Thou hast seen all our wanderings, our slightings of Thy Holy Spirit, our neglect of conscience and of duty. We praise Thee, that through them all Thy long-suffering patience has not forsaken us. Now, Lord, we turn to Thee. We wait no longer, but come now, even now. Though our sins be as scarlet, let them be white as snow.

Thou knowest all the snares and the temptations yet lying in our path; yea, Lord, and all our own weaknesses; but we cast them all on Thee, and look to Thee only to bring us safely through. Let us grow daily in our knowledge of Thee, and in a firm faith and steadfast obedience. Amidst all the snares of youth, defend us. Preserve us from all errors. Make us faithful in every duty. Guide us by Thy Holy Spirit, so that wisely and faithfully we may serve God, and bless our fellow-men. Cheer us with Thy presence in the hour of death, and in the day of Christ own us as Thy children, accepted in the Beloved, and heirs of the everlasting kingdom. We ask all in the name of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Chas. K. Imbrie.



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GREAT God, our Father and our Friend,
On whom we cast our constant care,
On whom for all things we depend,
To Thee we raise our humble prayer.

2 Endue us with a holy fear;
The frailty of our hearts reveal;
Sin and its snares are always near—
Thee may we always nearer feel.

3 O, that to Thee each youthful mind
May with a steadfast love aspire;
The path of wisdom, early find,
And check the rise of wrong desire.

4 O, that our watchful souls may fly
The first perceived approach of sin;
Look up to Thee when danger's nigh,
And feel Thy fear control within.

Unknown.

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I ASK not wealth, nor pomp, nor power,
Nor fleeting pleasures of an hour:
My soul aspires to nobler things
Than all the pride and state of kings.

2 One thing I ask:—Lord, wilt Thou hear,
And grant my soul a gift so dear?—
Wisdom, descending from above,
The sweetest token of Thy love:—

3 Wisdom, betimes to know the Lord,
To fear His name, and keep His word;
To lead my feet in paths of truth,
And guide and guard my wandering youth.

4 Then, shouldst Thou grant a length of days,
My life shall still proclaim Thy praise;
Or early death my soul convey
To realms of everlasting day.

Higgenbottom.

EVEN a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

2 The child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the LORD and also with men.

3 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

4 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

5 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them, and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

6 But when Jesus saw it he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.

7 From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

8 Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

9 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you, for his name's sake.

10 And now, little children, abide in him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him, at his coming.

11 I, thy servant, fear the LORD from my youth.

12 Thou art my hope, O LORD God; thou art my trust from my youth.

13 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.

14 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we, and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day.

15 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

16 Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; but, they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength.

17 And the child (Jesus) grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

18 And he went down with his parents, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them; but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXVI.

O THOU Great and Eternal God; unto Thee do we lift up our souls. Holy art Thou, and worthy of all praise. We adore Thee as the Author of our being—the Preserver of our life—and the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Thou dwellest in light; and art worshipped by the pure and glorified ones who are around about Thee.

Yet, in Thy mercy and goodness, Thou dost regard the children of men; especially those who are of an humble and contrite heart.

Thou invitest us, sinners as we are, to come unto Thee, and assurest us that, if we come, Thou wilt in no wise cast us out.

Blessed be Thy name for this declaration of Thy grace and love. Help us, now, to approach Thee with the Spirit of true worshippers. Help us to come, believing that Thou art, and that Thou art the Rewarder of all who diligently seek Thee. Send down Thy Spirit into our hearts, that we may cry, Abba, Father; and feel, that as a father pitieth his children, so Thou dost pity us.

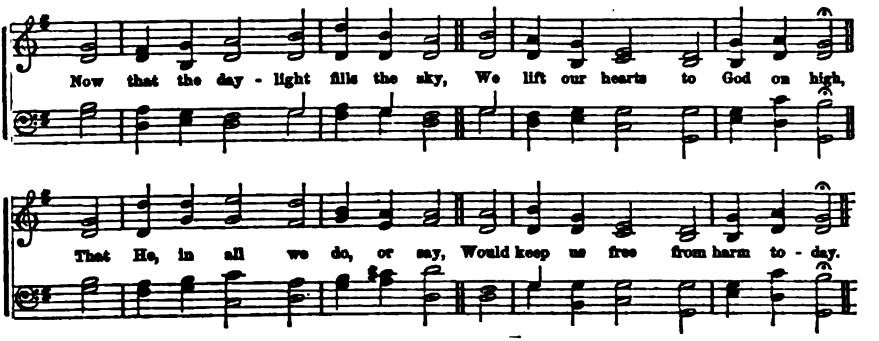
We thank Thee for the revelation Thou hast given us of Thyself. We praise Thee for the manifestations we have in Thy works of Thy eternal power and Godhead. We bless Thee for Thy written Word. Especially do we thank Thee now for the promises therein made to the young. Incline the hearts of all such, we pray Thee, to lay hold upon them. Quicken Thou them according to Thy Word, that they may hope in Thee.

Pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon them, that they may be able to discern spiritual things. May they be sanctified in heart and in life by Thy truth, as they shall find it in Thy works and Word. And through the Holy Scriptures and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, may they obtain that peace which passeth all understanding, and, in the end, eternal life. Hear Thou our prayer. Make us wholly Thine. Enable us to be faithful in every duty; patient and hopeful in tribulation, and grateful for every blessing.

May we all be followers of Thee, as dear children, and walk in love, as Christ hath loved us and hath given Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice for our sins.

Guide Thou us by Thy counsel here, and afterward receive us to glory. And to Thy great name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, shall be praise forever. Amen.

J. B. Reeve.



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NOW that the daylight fills the sky,
We lift our hearts to God on high,
That He, in all we do, or say,
Would keep us free from harm to-day.

2 O guard our hearts and tongues from strife;
And hide from anger's din, our life:
From all ill sights turn Thou our eyes;
And close our ears from vanities.

3 Lord, keep our inmost conscience pure;
Our souls from folly's ways secure:
And bid us check the pride of sense
With due and holy abstinence.

4 So we, when this new day is gone,
And night in turn is drawing on,
With conscience by the world unstained,
Shall praise Thy name for victory gained.

Unknown.

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BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with Thy wonted favor, Thou
Would'st be our Guard and Keeper now.

2 From all Thy servants chase away
Whate'er of thought impure to-day
Hath mingled with the heart's intent,
Or with the actions hath been blent.

3 In heaven, Thine endless joys bestow,
But grant Thy gifts of grace below:
From chains of strife our souls release;
Bind fast the gentle bands of peace.

4 O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally.

Ancient.

PROVIDING for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

2 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

3 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

4 Furthermore, then, we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

5 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men.

6 Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.

7 These things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.

8 For the time past of our life, may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries.

9 Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

10 Render therefore to all, their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

11 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another.

12 Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbor's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work.

14 Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of the strangers that are in thy land, within thy gates.

15 At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; lest he cry against thee unto the LORD; and it be a sin unto thee.

16 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;

17 Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXVII.

GREAT GOD, all-wise, and ever-blessed! We humbly and devoutly approach the throne of the Heavenly Grace, to seek Thy protecting care and saving blessing this day.

We are weak, but Thou art strong: we are ignorant, but Thou art wise: we are sinful, but Thou art holy. Kindly condescend to smile on us as we lift our trembling hands, and open our expectant hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, forgive our sins, heal our woes, and come and save us. As Thou hast redeemed us by the precious blood of the Lamb, written our names in the Book of Life, and adopted us into Thy family, so order our ways that we may grow in grace, denying ungodliness and every worldly lust, every day making new conquests over the corruptions of our old natures, and the debasing influences of the world. Help us to live soberly, righteously and godly, refraining from evil and wrong, walking in the fear of God, and in the grace of our Lord and Saviour.

May we remember how much of our time has been wasted in sin: how long we lived in carnal security and worldly pleasure; and how little we have ever served Him, who "though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich." Help us to consider, with grace-enlightened and spirit-sanctified hearts, how vast the work of human life is: how grand the opportunities of doing good, and how blessed the privilege of being co-workers with God. Teach us so to live, that the glory of God, the salvation of our souls, and the good of all men may be secured. So help us, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

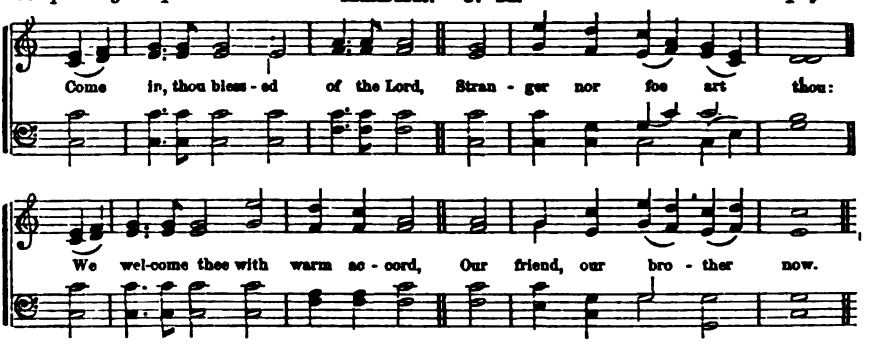
And we beseech Thee that we may be enabled to guard our lips and lives from sin, that we may bring no reproach upon Thy name and cause. Let our hearts be clean, and our consciences pure, knowing that we must give account. Help us ever to keep in view the day when, with an assembled world, we shall stand before the great white throne, to be judged for every act, word and thought. In all our business transactions and domestic duties, in all our toils and pleasures, in all our losses and gains, in all our studies and recreations, may we remember the last great day, when all of this life will be reviewed, and the dreadful award made.

Be pleased, O God, to give unto us charity, meekness, fidelity, temperance, piety and eternal life. Let love to God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who suffered on the cross, dying to atone for the sins of men, make us active in every righteous pursuit, inspire us with love to the whole human race, and lead us to that godly living that was beautifully illustrated in the life of our divine Redeemer.

And do Thou, O God, shed abroad in our hearts the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, without whose divine aid, all our efforts to serve Thee will be in vain. May our bodies become His temples, and may He dwell in us, driving out every wicked foe, and every poisonous passion, and sanctify us wholly to Thy divine and holy service.

O, sacred and adorable Trinity! Father, Son and Holy Ghost, be to us existence, preservation, redemption, sanctification, and eternal life; and Thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

Daniel C. Eddy.



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COME in, thou blessed of the Lord,
Stranger nor foe art thou:
We welcome thee with warm accord,
Our friend, our brother now.

2 The hand of fellowship, the heart
Of love, we offer thee;
Leaving the world, thou dost but part
From lies and vanity.

3 Come with us—we will do thee good,
As God to us hath done;
Stand but in Him, as those have stood
Whose faith the victory won.

4 And when, by turns, we pass away,
And star by star grows dim,
May each, translated into day,
Be lost and found in Him.

Montgomery.

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HOW sweet, how heavenly is the sight,
When those who love the Lord,
In one another's peace delight,
And so fulfil His word:—

2 When each can feel his brother's sigh,
And with him bear a part;
When sorrow flows from eye to eye,
And joy from heart to heart:—

3 When, free from envy, scorn and pride,
Our wishes all above,
Each can his brother's failings hide,
And show a brother's love:—

4 When love, in one delightful stream,
Through every bosom flows;
And union sweet, and dear esteem,
In every action glows.

Swain.

USE hospitality one to another without grudging.

2 And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee, then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.

3 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

4 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatever thou doest to the brethren and to strangers:

5 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church, whom, if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well; because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

6 The old man said, Peace be with thee: howsoever, let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the street. So he brought him into his house.

7 And she said, Drink, my lord; and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

8 The barbarous people showed us no little kindness, for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

9 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon.

10 And it fell on a day that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman, and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

11 The stranger did not lodge in the street; but I opened my doors to the traveller.

12 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.

13 Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

14 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf, tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; who hasted to dress it.

15 And he took butter and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

16 I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in;

17 Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me;—Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXVIII.

EVER blessed and glorious Lord our heavenly Father, before Thee we come, seeking Thy gracious benediction, as we begin the labors of this day. Without Thee, we can do nothing, with Thy help we can do all things.

We thank Thee for our creation, our preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but most of all, for the gift of Thy only and well-beloved Son, who loved us and gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and preserve us unto His heavenly kingdom, to whom with Thyself and the Holy Spirit be glory, world without end.

In the name of Jesus, we most humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldst forgive us all our sins. Strengthen us with inward might to fulfil all the duties assigned us this day in Thy fear, to our spiritual profit and Thy glory.

Keep us, O our Father, from all evil thoughts, from all impure desires, from all profitless words, from all unholy and unbecoming conduct.

Suffer us not to be slothful in our studies, or in other duties. We desire ever to consider that the days of our youth are the sweetness and spring-time of life; given us wherein to gain strength of body, vigor of mind, and stores of knowledge for the future good of ourselves, and for the good of all whom we may influence by our acquirements and example.

So endow us with evidences of our new birth, that we may have the comfortable and good hope that we are Thy children indeed, and may evidence all with whom we live and study, that we have been with Jesus and have learned of Him. When we are tempted, may we resist and overcome by faith in the blood of the Lamb, may the same mind be in us that was also in Christ Jesus.

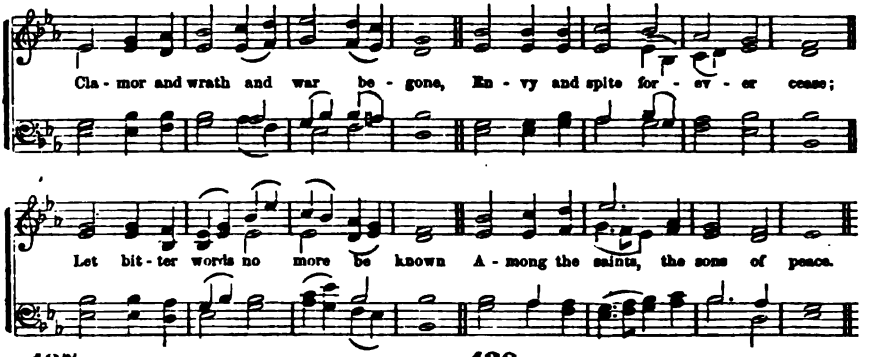
May we imagine no evil, but look for good in others—and, if we find it not, may we seek it of Thee, O Lord, for them, that they may be converted, and Thou heal and save them.

May we love, read, mark, and inwardly digest, and so understand Thy holy Word—may we lift our hearts often to Thee in the midst of our cares and duties, and feel our dependence upon Thee for every good, and every perfect gift which we need.

Be pleased, blessed Master, so to attend all our requirements of mind, body and heart, by the power of Thy Spirit, that we may be to the praise and glory of Thy grace. May we keep back nothing that may be serviceable to Thee and our associates.

Heavenly Father, when it pleaseth Thee, that we shall depart out of this life, may we die in Jesus and be blessed, with a sure and exulting hope of a glorious resurrection at the last day, unto eternal blessedness in Thy heavenly kingdom, to the praise of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A. D. Gillette.



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CLAMOR and wrath and war begone,
Envy and spite forever cease;
Let bitter words no more be known
Among the saints, the sons of peace.

2 The Spirit, like a peaceful dove,
Flies from the realms of noise and strife,
Why should we vex and grieve His love,
Who seals our souls to heavenly life.

3 Tender and kind be all our thoughts,
Through all our lives let mercy run;
So God forgives our numerous faults,
For the dear sake of Christ, His Son.

Watts.

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DARE we indulge our wrath and strife,
And yet assume the Christian name?
Give our wild passions sway; yet call
Ourselves the followers of the Lamb?

2 He was all gentle, meek and mild,
Full of benevolence and love;
Nor could the rage of numerous foes
Aught but His soft compassion move.

3 Spirit of grace, do Thou descend;
Envy and wrath and clamor chase;
With Thy mild influence quench these fires,
And hush the stormy wind to peace.

T. Scott.

HAVE respect unto the covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

2 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?

3 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken; neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruined them.

4 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

5 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honor, be not thou united; for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they digged down a wall.

6 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

7 Depart from evil and do good, and dwell for evermore.

8 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

9 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast; but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

10 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath, for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.

11 Brethren, be not children in understanding; howbeit, in malice be ye children.

12 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice:

13 Speak evil of no man, be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men.

14 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man, worketh not the righteousness of God.

15 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul; but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

16 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

17 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

18 The Lord make you to increase and abound in love, one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXIX.

OUR FATHER in heaven, by Thy mercy we have been permitted to enter upon another day. Thankful for our preservation during the defenceless hours of sleep, and for the refreshment of our bodies, we come to ask for the blessings which we need through the day.

O God, Thou hast commanded us to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and hast promised to those who do so, that Thou wilt direct their steps. We ask for grace, that we may obey Thy command and plead Thy promise. We would learn early in the day, early in life, and early in every undertaking, to seek Thy favor and blessing. O may we ever feel that without Jesus Christ our Saviour we can do nothing; and, that through Christ strengthening us we can do all things. Grant to us a strong and constant faith, ardent love, and willing obedience; and to this end we ask for the gift of Thy Holy Spirit to renew and sanctify our souls.

O Lord our God, bless us in the labors of this day here and elsewhere. Establish the work of our hands; in righteousness establish Thou it. Enable us to begin, continue, and complete every good work in prayerful dependence on Thee.

We lament before Thee, the darkness of our minds, and the hardness of our hearts. Help us to-day, and ever, to understand more fully Thy law, and more constantly and lovingly to obey it.

Bless every family here represented. Be with our parents, and brothers, and sisters, and all our friends. Bless our enemies, if such there be, and may they and we alike learn the fulness of Thy love. May the blessings of education, and civil and religious freedom, be speedily extended over all the world.

All these blessings we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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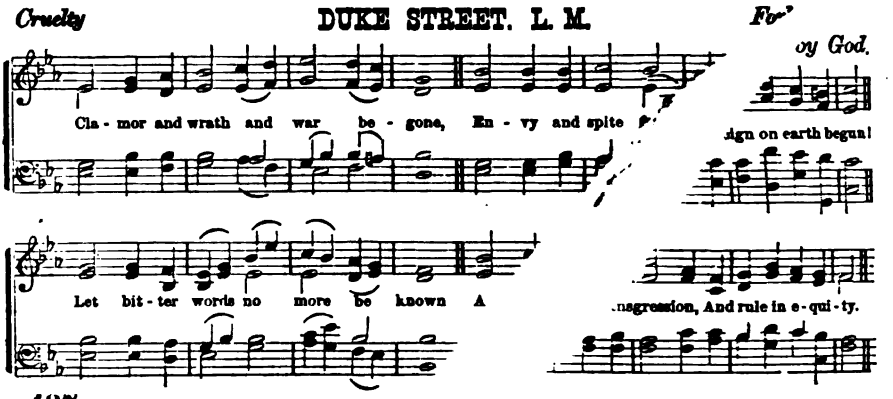

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of them which have reaped, have entered
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6 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying,
Execute true judgment, and show mercy and
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7 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

8 And the LORD looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

9 For they bind heavy burdens, and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

10 The LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoil them.

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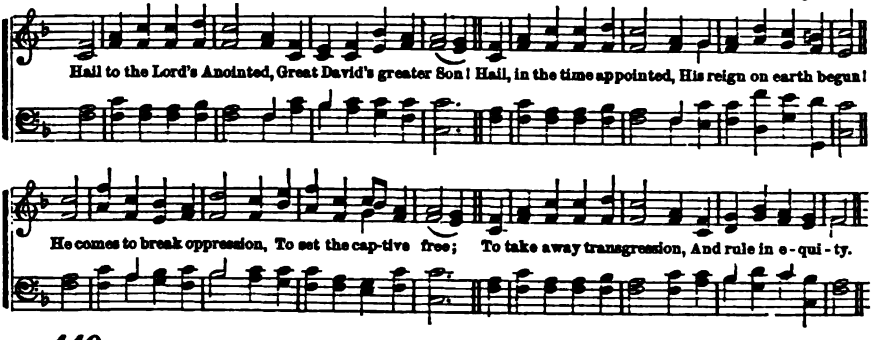

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HAIL to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

2 He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth;
Before Him, on the mountains,
Shall Peace, the herald, go;
And Righteousness, in fountains,
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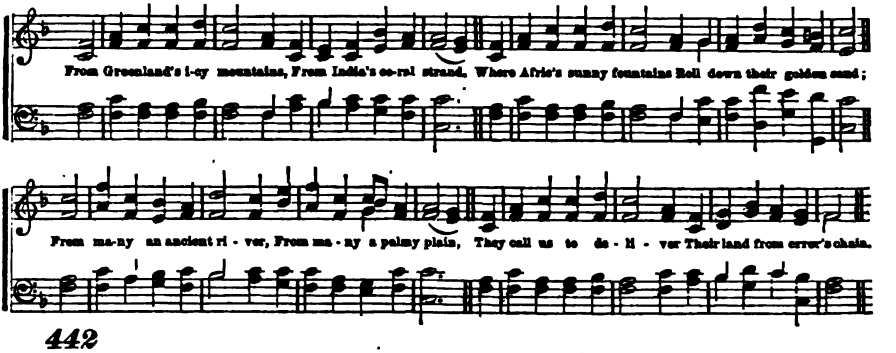

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FROM Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand,—
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile;
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen, in his blindness,
Bows down to wood and stone!

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,—
Shall we, to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation, oh, salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,
And you, ye waters, roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransomed nature,
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign!

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AND this gospel of the kingdom, shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations.

2 Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

3 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

4 He that heareth you, heareth me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.

5 And ye shall be brought before governors, and kings, for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

6 Peter and John answered, and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God, to hearken unto you, more than unto God, judge ye.

7 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

8 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

9 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

10 And how shall they preach except they be sent?

11 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

12 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the Most High God, which show unto us the way of salvation.

13 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

14 I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house.

15 Testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

16 Jesus said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

17 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXI.

O THOU who hast "made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth," we confide in Thee as the "one God and Father of all." We come with faith to plead in behalf of all men, for Thou didst so love the world as to give Thine "only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Glorify Him by fulfilling the gracious promise made to Him: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." As He delivered Himself up "a ransom for all," so may Thy Spirit accomplish the end of the ransom, and "all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee."

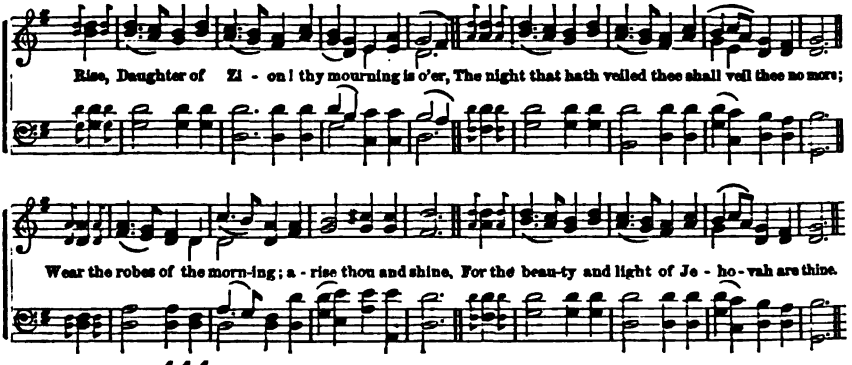
May the "glad tidings of great joy" be proclaimed in all the languages of the earth, so that every man, "in his own tongue wherein he was born," may read the story of his Redeemer. "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few," "send forth," therefore, "more laborers into" Thy "harvest." May the young men of our land offer themselves as co-workers with Christ, saying, "Here are we, send us."

Let the missionary be sent "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," and tell them of the Shepherd whom "God hath exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance unto Israel and forgiveness of sins." Let the missionary be sent also to the Gentiles who "sit in the region and shadow of death," and may "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in" their hearts, to give them "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

May all those who have left the bosom of their native land, in order to relieve the wants of men who are wandering without hope and "without God in the world," be strengthened by the intercession of Him who said, "I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given me;" "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." Feeling that "without Christ," they "can do nothing," and "can do all things through Christ that strengthened" them, may they be comforted by His assurance, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth," "and lo! I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." Let Thy missionary servants be "delivered from unreasonable and wicked men." Speak thou unto the "kings of the earth," "saying, Touch not mine Anointed, and do my prophets no harm."

For the sake of Him who "went about doing good," and "though He was rich, yet for" our welfare "became poor," "let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains, let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands." For the sake of Him who "who humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death," let the time which prophets and kings have waited for, be hastened forward, when all "the kingdoms of the world" shall "become the kingdoms of the Lord and of his Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever." Amen.

Edwards A. Park.



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RISE, Daughter of Zion! thy mourning is o'er,
The night that hath veiled thee shall veil thee no more;
Wear the robes of the morning: arise thou, and shine,
For the beauty and light of Jehovah are thine.

2 O lift up thine eyes, look around thee, and see
How thy children are gathering together to thee;
Like doves on the wing, flying home to be blest,
At thine altar with praise, in thy bosom with rest.

3 From the sea's farthest shores, and like its full tide,
The nations, new-born, how they flow to thy side:
To freedom forth springing, thy light having seen,
They bless thee a Mother, and hail thee a Queen.

4 In thy kingdom of love shall all violence cease,
Thine exactors be justice, thine officers peace:
Thy people all righteous, and truth all thy ways,
Thy gates are salvation, thy portals are praise.

5 Jehovah, thy beauty, thy brightness, thy crown,
Thy moon shall ne'er wane, and thy sun ne'er go down,
And the tide of thy glory no ebbing to know,
From ages eternal to ages shall flow.

Unknown.

ASK of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

2 I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him;

3 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion; it shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

4 In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces, and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

5 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

6 Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

7 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

8 Thy people, also, shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

9 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I, the LORD, will hasten it in his time. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

10 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

11 Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

12 Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved.

13 Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the LORD, all ye Gentiles, and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in him shall the Gentiles trust.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXII.

LORD God of heaven and earth, we praise Thee, and magnify Thy name as the greatest and best of beings, and to us the author and giver of every good gift.

We come to Thee as poor, and needy, and sinful. Thou hast taught us to draw near to Thy presence, and call Thee our Father; O bless us with a portion of Thy children.

Grant to us an interest in the work of Thy dear Son. Let Thy Holy Spirit dwell in our hearts, and shape and control our lives. Under His teachings may we be wise unto salvation, and grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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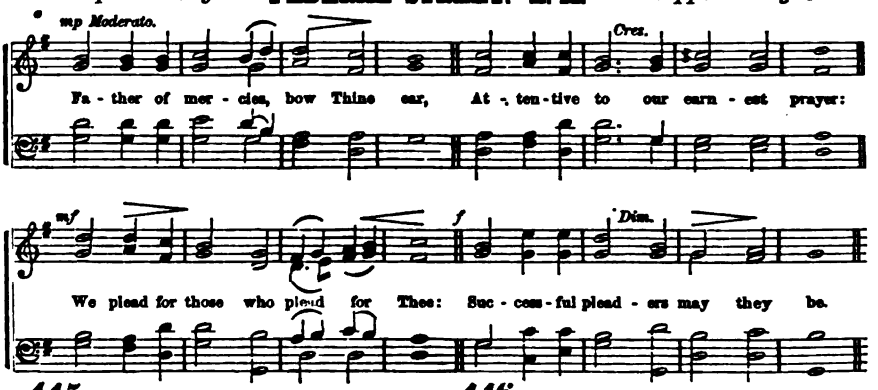

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FATHER of mercies, bow Thine ear,
Attentive to our earnest prayer:
We plead for those who plead for Thee:
Successful pleaders may they be.

2 O, clothe their words with power divine,
And let those words be ever Thine;
To them Thy sacred truth reveal:
Suppress their fear, inflame their zeal.

3 Teach them to sow the precious seed;
Teach them Thy chosen flock to feed;
Teach them immortal souls to gain,—
And thus reward their toil and pain.

4 Let thronging multitudes around
Hear from their lips the joyful sound;
In humble strains Thy grace implore,
And feel Thy Spirit's living power.

Beddome.

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"GO, preach my gospel," saith the Lord;
"Bid the whole earth my grace receive;
He shall be saved who trusts my word;
And they condemned who disbelieve.

2 "I'll make your great commission known,
And ye shall prove my gospel true
By all the works that I have done,
By all the wonders ye shall do.

3 "Teach all the nations my commands:
I'm with you till the world shall end;
All power is trusted in my hands;
I can destroy, and I defend."

4 He spake, and light shone round His head;
On a bright cloud to heaven He rode;
They to the farthest nations spread
The grace of their ascended God.

Watts.

MY sons, be not now negligent; for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him.

2 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

3 Wherefore, he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.

4 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers:

5 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

6 Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ;

7 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

8 In whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord.

9 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

10 Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

11 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

12 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

13 I charge thee, therefore, before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead, at his appearing and his kingdom;

14 Preach the word; be instant in season, and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

15 Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

16 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

17 This is a true saying: If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

18 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXIII.

ALMIGHTY GOD and Heavenly Father, who, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, hast set in the Church which He hath purchased with His own blood, Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers, for the perfecting of the Saints—for the work of the ministry—for the edifying of the Church of Christ, which is His body, mercifully behold Thy servants who are called by the Holy Ghost to the office and work of the Ministry.

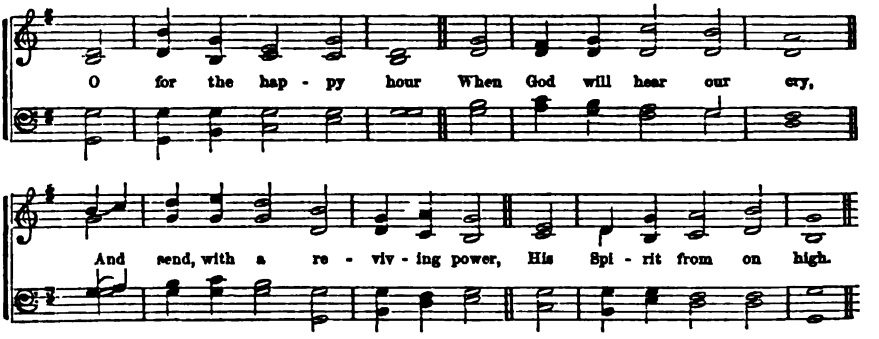
Replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve Thee, to the glory of Thy great name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church.

Grant, Almighty God, that they may be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus—that they may faithfully warn and teach all men—that they may endure hardness as good soldiers of their crucified Lord—that they may make full proof of their ministry, and show themselves approved unto God as workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

May their souls be enlightened by the Holy Ghost in all spiritual wisdom and understanding; may their hearts be filled with the love of Christ as the motive power of all their efforts; may their bodies be strengthened with all needed might for their toilsome work; and may they ever abide under the shadow of Thy wing; and thus, by the faithfulness of their labors, and the blamelessness of their lives, in Thine earthly courts, may they, through Thy grace, blessed Saviour, be made meet for the higher ministries of Thine upper Temple, eternal in the heavens.

Grant these things, we pray Thee, Almighty God, and whatever else Thou shalt see to be requisite and needed for them, for the sake and through the intercession of Thy dear Son, the Great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Wm. Bacon Stevens.



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O FOR the happy hour
When God will hear our cry,
And send, with a reviving power,
His Spirit from on high.

2 While many crowd Thy house,
How few, around Thy board,
Meet to recount their solemn vows,
And bless Thee as their Lord!

3 Thou, Thou alone can'st give
Thy gospel sure success;
Can'st bid the dying sinner live
Anew in holiness.

4 Come, then, with power divine,
Spirit of life and love;
Then shall our people all be Thine,
Our church like that above.

Bethune.

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LORD of the harvest, hear
Thy needy servants' cry;
Answer our faith's effectual prayer,
And all our wants supply.

2 On Thee we humbly wait,
Our wants are in Thy view:
The harvest, Lord, is truly great,
The laborers are few.

3 Anoint and send forth more
Into Thy Church abroad:
Thy Spirit on their spirits pour,
And make them strong for God.

4 O let them spread Thy name,
Their mission fully prove;
Thy universal grace proclaim,
Thine all-redeeming love.

C. Wesley.

AND Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.

2 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

3 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James, the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, in a ship, with Zebedee, their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

4 And they immediately left the ship, and their father, and followed him.

5 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom; and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

6 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.

7 A vision appeared to Paul in the night: there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

8 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

9 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few:

10 Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

11 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me, in your prayers to God for me.

12 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel;

13 For which I am an ambassador in bonds, that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

14 Withal, praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ.

15 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you; and that we may be delivered from wicked and unreasonable men.

16 God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

17 Now, therefore, arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXIV.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. With filial confidence and love we approach Thee, O Thou Most High. Help us each one from this time to cry unto Thee, My Father, Thou art the Guide of my youth.

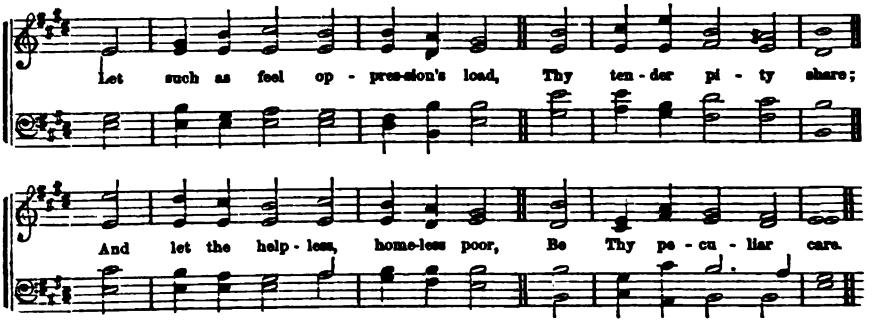
With shame we confess before Thee our sins. They are infinite in magnitude, and countless in number. But we plead for their forgiveness, through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Blessed Immanuel, as man, Thou art able to sympathize with us; and, as God, Thou art able to save us. Send Thy Spirit to renew and sanctify our hearts, and to lead us in the way of righteousness and true holiness.

We praise Thee, Thou Triune Jehovah, for Thy great excellency and goodness, and especially for the mercy Thou hast shown toward us, Thy unworthy children. We thank Thee for life and health, for home and friends, for our distinguished educational privileges, for wholesome laws, a benign government and civil liberty. But, most of all, we give Thee thanks for our religious blessings. We rejoice that the Word of Truth has been revealed to us all, and, that in many of our hearts, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, Christ has been formed the hope of glory.

And now, O Lord, we ask that these great blessings may be communicated to others. We plead most earnestly for the benighted heathen, and the impenitent every where. May they soon hear the truth which shall make them wise unto salvation. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. O, awaken Thy people that they may hear and heed the wail of millions, borne on every breeze, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. May many of our youth listen to the voice of Jesus, saying, Follow me, and at once consecrate themselves to the great work of saving perishing sinners. May the number of faithful Sabbath-school teachers, colporteurs, Bible-readers, ministers and missionaries, be speedily and greatly multiplied.

Teach us, O Lord, our duty. May we all in early life, repent and believe; and trusting in Christ for our salvation, help us to consecrate ourselves, and our all, to Thy service. Give us grace ever to labor for the glory of God, and the best interests of Zion, until death interrupts the scene. Then take our souls to dwell with Thee in glory. And at last raise our bodies from the dust of the earth, to join the glorified body of Christ, our Forerunner, that we may be forever with the Lord, to praise Thee with all the redeemed. And this we ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Peter Stryker.



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LET such as feel oppression's load,
Thy tender pity share;
And let the helpless, homeless poor,
Be thy peculiar care.

2 Go, bid the hungry orphan be
With thine abundance blest;
Invite the wanderer to thy gate,
And spread the couch of rest.

3 Let him who pines with piercing cold
By thee be warmed and clad;
Be thine the blissful task to make
The downcast mourner glad.

4 Then, bright as morning, shall come forth
In peace and joy thy days;
And glory from the Lord above
Shall shine on all thy ways.

Morrison.

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WHAT shall we render, bounteous Lord,
For all the grace we see?
Alas! the goodness worms can yield,
Extendeth not to Thee.

2 To tents of woe, to beds of pain,
Our cheerful feet repair,
And with the gifts Thy hand bestows,
Relieve the mourners there.

3 The widow's heart shall sing for joy,
The orphan shall be glad,
And hung'ring souls will gladly point
To Christ the living bread.

4 Thus passing through the vale of tears,
Our useful light shall shine:
And others learn to glorify
Our Father's name divine.

Bogen.

THE liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

2 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again.

3 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring, ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

4 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

5 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.

6 Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the LORD will deliver him in the time of trouble.

7 Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

8 And Jesus looked up and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw, also, a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

9 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all.

10 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God; but she, of her penury, hath cast in all the living that she had.

11 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

12 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

13 And David dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

14 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

15 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea.

16 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

17 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth, shall be watered also himself. God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name.

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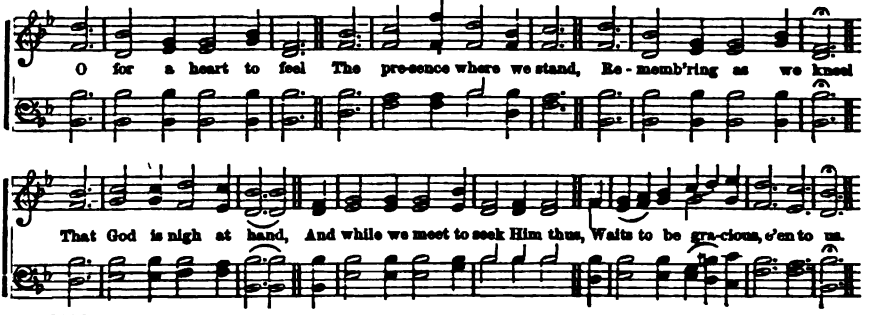

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O FOR a heart to feel
The presence where we stand,
Remembering, as we kneel,
That God is nigh at hand,
And while we meet to seek Him thus,
Waits to be gracious, e'en to us.

2 He knows, He knows of me
If I am friend or foe;
Wherever I may be
He follows as I go,
Sees every thought, and word, and look,
And writes it in His judgment book.

3 Well may I think with dread,
Of that tremendous day,
And hang my guilty head,
And now in earnest pray:
In this accepted time I'll cry,
Have mercy, Lord, or else I die.

4 But Christ, the Saviour, died
Our pardon to obtain:
None e'er to Him applied,
Or shall apply, in vain;
For what He did, for what He bore,
We bless Thee, Lord, for evermore.

Unknown.

AND she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me; for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

2 The LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature, because I have refused him; for the LORD seeth not as man seeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly: let not arrogancy come out of your mouth, for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

4 Thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men.

5 Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts.

6 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks, and his eye seeth every precious thing.

7 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

8 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

9 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

10 Mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

11 There is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

12 The kingdom is the LORD's, and he is the governor among the nations.

13 For there is no respect of persons with God.

14 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? how much less to him that accepteth not the person of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor?

15 Verily, there is a reward for the righteous; verily, he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

16 He cometh to judge the earth; he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth. Shall he not render to every man according to his works?

17 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth; and walk in the way of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

18 I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment.

19 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

20 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

21 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXVI.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we bless Thy holy name for all Thy providential care and gracious protection towards us. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. In every danger to our bodies, in every temptation to our souls, Thou hast been near to us to help and deliver us.

Thou, God, seest us, and Thine eyes are in every place beholding the evil and the good. O, may the sense of Thy continual presence quicken us to newness of life, by Thy good Spirit sanctifying us. Try us, O God, and seek the ground of our hearts; prove us, and examine our thoughts; look well, if there be any way of wickedness in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

O God, our Saviour, who knowest what is in man, and understandest the secrets of our souls, Thou didst humble Thyself to become as one of us, and hast been touched with the feelings of our infirmities. We, therefore, pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Pardon our sins, and deliver us from their dominion. Let Thy grace be sufficient for us.

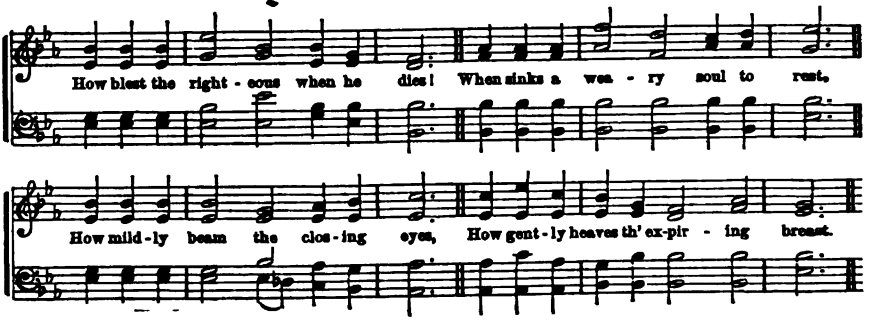
Mercifully prepare us for that strict account when all shall stand before Thee to answer for the deeds done in the body. O Lord Christ, change our hearts from the love of sin to the love of Thee, that Thou mayest be our only master, and, that we may be Thy faithful followers. In our life make us to serve Thee, in temptation to fly to Thee, in affliction and in sickness to lie upon Thy bosom, and always to believe in Thee. In the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

O God, the Holy Ghost, who searchest all things, even the deep things of God, searching our hearts, mercifully convert us to Thee and holiness. Take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us. His love, His passion, His cross, His willingness and His power to save sinners. Make us by Thy divine inspirations, to think and to do always such things as are right.

Sanctify all our affections, purify all our motives, cleanse our imaginations, exalt our desires and our hopes to heavenly things, and fit us for the coming of the Judge of quick and dead.

We offer all our prayers in the name of our most blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

T. H. Vail.



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HOW blest the righteous when he dies!
When sinks a weary soul to rest,
How mildly beam the closing eyes;
How gently heaves th' expiring breast!

2 So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies a wave along the shore.

3 A holy quiet reigns around,
A calm which life nor death destroys;
And naught disturbs that peace profound,
Which his unfettered soul enjoys.

4 Life's labor done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While heaven and earth combine to say,
"How blest the righteous when he dies!"

Mrs. Barbauld.

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ASLEEP in Jesus! blessed sleep!
From which none ever wake to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.

2 Asleep in Jesus! oh, how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet!
With holy confidence, to sing
That death has lost its venomed sting.

3 Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest!
Whose waking is supremely blest;
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour
Which manifests the Saviour's power.

4 Asleep in Jesus! oh, for me
May such a blissful refuge be!
Securely shall my ashes lie,
And wait the summons from on high.

Mrs. MacKay.

THE righteous hath hope in his death.
2 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

3 I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

4 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and not another, though my reins be consumed within me.

5 The LORD is my shepherd: I shall not want. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

7 Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

8 And he said, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

9 And Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

10 Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

11 For, since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

12 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

13 As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

14 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

15 Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

16 For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

17 I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

18 Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

19 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXVII.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. What is man, that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that Thou visitest him. A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Teach us to know and to feel how frail we are, that we are liable to be crushed before the moth. Our breath is in our nostrils, our days pass away as a tale that is told, and we are soon cut off, like the grass. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Help us, O Lord, to live as those who are strangers and pilgrims on the earth, having no continuing city nor abiding place, but desiring a better country, even a heavenly. May we live as we shall wish we had lived when we come to die.

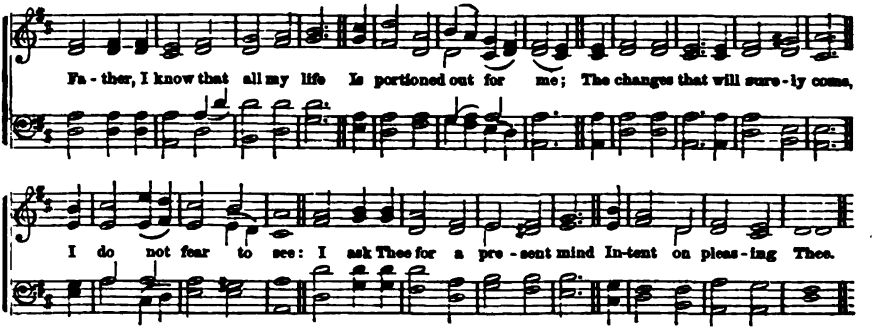
Forsaking every evil way and every unrighteous thought, repenting of all our past sins, and finding forgiveness through the merits and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, for whom we bless Thee, may we spend the rest of our days in constant preparation for the coming of the Son of man. May we be at peace with all mankind.

Grant us the pardon of all our sins, for the sake of Him who has loved us and given Himself for us. Impart Thy Holy Spirit to carry on in us the work of holiness, and fit us for Thy service here on earth, and the enjoyment of Thyself in Thy heavenly kingdom. And with Thy grace assisting us, may we so live as to look back on lives well spent to Thy glory, that we may render our account at Thy bar, with exceeding joy; being justified by the righteousness of Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord and Redeemer.

Almighty and most merciful God, we humbly beseech Thee to prepare us for all that is yet before us in this mortal life. Strengthen us to do all Thy will. Fit us for great usefulness on earth, and when Thy will is done in us, and we have finished the work Thou hast given us to do, may we lie down to die in peace, trusting in Him who bore our sins in His own body on the tree, and through whose death and resurrection we hope to attain life everlasting.

When flesh and heart fail us, be Thou the strength of our heart, and our portion forever. Grant us grace to live in Thy fear, and grace to die in Thy love, that living or dying we may be the Lord's. And then, O God, unworthy as we now are, take us to Thyself, and we will praise Thy name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

S. Irenæus Prime.



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FATHER, I know that all my life
Is portioned out to me;
The changes that will surely come
I do not fear to see:
I ask Thee for a present mind
Intent on pleasing Thee.

2 I ask Thee for a thoughtful love,
Through constant watching wise,
To meet the glad with joyful smiles,
And wipe the weeping eyes;
A heart at leisure from itself,
To soothe and sympathize.

3 I would not have the restless will
That hurries to and fro,
That seeks for some great thing to do,
Or secret thing to know:
I would be treated as a child,
And guided where I go.

4 Wherever in the world I am,
In whatsoe'er estate,
I have a fellowship with hearts,
To keep and cultivate;
A work of lowly love to do
For Him on whom I wait.

5 I ask Thee for the daily strength,
To none that ask denied,
A mind to blend with outward life,
While keeping at Thy side;
Content to fill a little space,
If Thou be glorified.

6 And if some things I do not ask,
Among my blessings be,
I'd have my spirit filled the more
With grateful love to Thee;
More careful—not to serve Thee much,
But please Thee perfectly.

Anna L. Waring.

WHO shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

2 I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

3 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

5 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity, he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;—He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

7 We have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

8 In all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

9 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

10 Though he was a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.

11 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

12 Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXVIII.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Thou dwellest in thine own immensity, and eternity; yet will dwell with him that is of an humble and contrite spirit.

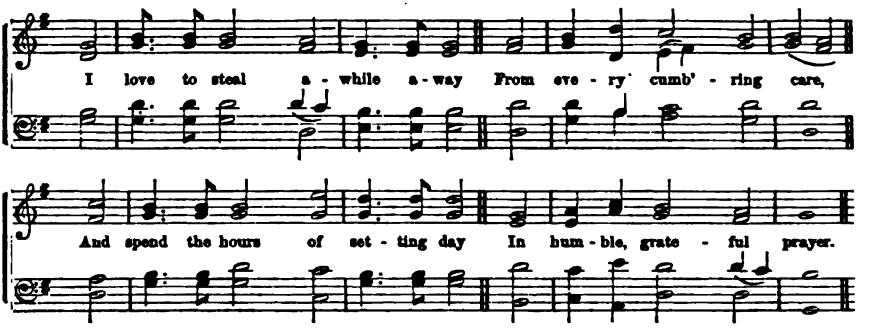
We thank Thee, that while we have fallen by our iniquity, and destroyed ourselves, in Thee is our help found. We thank Thee that Thou hast so loved the world as to give Thine only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth should not perish, but have everlasting life. We thank Thee that a sure foundation, elect, precious, has been laid in Zion, (Christ Jesus,) on which a sinner may place his firm and sure faith, and never be confounded. We thank Thee, that out of the fulness treasured up in Christ, we may receive grace for grace, and that we have the assurance that if God spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him give us all things.

Heavenly Father, we come to Thee with penitential sorrow, in the faith of Jesus, as to a reconciled Father in covenant relation. Enable us to receive Jesus, as made of God to us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. We cast ourselves upon the exceeding great and precious promises of Thy Word, which are, in Christ Jesus, Yea, and amen. Grant that these promises, in all their variety, suitableness, and fulness, may be deeply engraved on our hearts. May we ever look to Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our faith; who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. May we ever view Him as the Priest on the throne, interceding for us, giving the Holy Spirit, and ordering all events to work together for good to His people.

Help us, Heavenly Father, always to repose on Thy covenant love, and faithfulness, knowing whom we have believed, and persuaded that He will keep what we have committed to Him, against that day. Bestow upon us the Spirit of Adoption, removing all bondage into fear, and causing us to cry, Abba, Father, with confidence and delight. Let the Spirit itself bear witness with our spirits, that we are the sons of God, and if sons, then heirs, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Let us never fail distinctly and constantly to contemplate Jesus as our great High Priest, having made atonement, now entered within the vail as our Forerunner, and ever touched with a feeling of our infirmities, having been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. May our hearts rest on the heart of Jesus, and enjoy the communion of His love. May we imbibe and cherish the spirit of Christ, in zeal for the glory of God, and sympathy and labor for the good, temporal and spiritual, of our fellow-men.

We ask all in the name and for the sake of our adored and loved Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thomas De Witt.



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I LOVE to steal awhile away
From every cumbering care,
And spend the hours of setting day
In humble, grateful prayer.

2 I love, in solitude, to shed
The penitential tear;
And all His promises to plead,
Where none but God can hear.

3 I love to think on mercies past,
And future good implore;
And all my cares and sorrows cast
On Him whom I adore.

4 I love, by faith, to take a view
Of brighter scenes in heaven;
The prospect doth my strength renew,
While here by tempests driven.

5 Thus, when life's toilsome day is o'er,
May its departing ray
Be calm as this impressive hour,
And lead to endless day!

Mrs. Brown.

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WHILE Thee I seek, protecting Power!
Be my vain wishes stilled;
And may this consecrated hour
With better hopes be filled!

2 Thy love the power of thought bestowed;
To Thee my thoughts would soar;
Thy mercy o'er my life has flowed;
That mercy I adore.

3 In each event of life, how clear
Thy ruling hand I see!
Each blessing to my soul more dear,
Because conferred by Thee.

4 In every joy that crowns my days,
In every pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in prayer.

Miss Williams.

DOXOLOGY.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

AND one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

2 And Jesus said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

3 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

4 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

5 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits, and my goods.

6 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

7 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?

8 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

9 Therefore, take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

10 But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

11 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

12 This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

13 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

14 There be many who say, Who will show us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

15 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

16 What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXIX.

O THOU who art "the Maker of our bodies, and the Father of our spirits," by whose care we live, by whose wisdom we are enlightened, by whose mercy we are redeemed from the power and dominion of sin, to Thee we bow! Thee we adore, and Thee we worship! Do Thou help us to call in every wandering thought, to banish every unholy feeling, while in humble faith we draw near to Thee. We adore Thee as the Infinite One, the Alpha and the Omega of all things, the First and the Last, who art, and who wast, and who art to come, the Almighty.

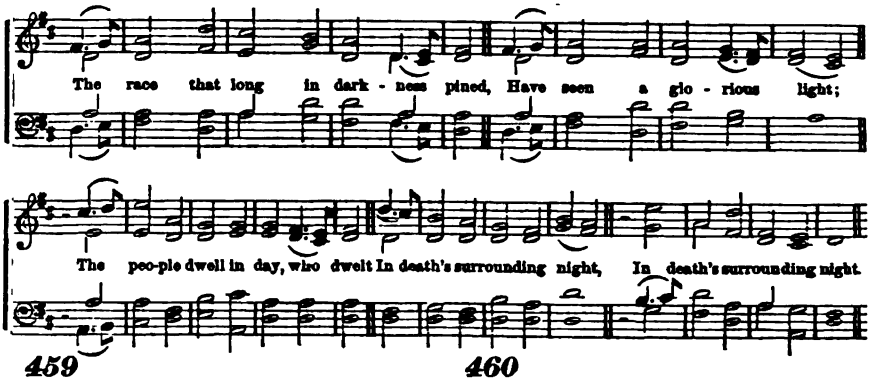
We confess our unworthiness, our guilt, and our need of mercy. "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint." We have sinned against heaven and in thy sight." We are poor, and needy, and naked, and lost, and wretched. Ever blessed be Thy name, Thou hast "laid help on One who is mighty to save." "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." We bless God for Him—"the Lord our righteousness;" and in His name we come in our social worship, and in the union of our hearts, while we pray in His atoning mercy.

Father of all lights! wilt Thou shine into our souls, illuminating our understandings, strengthening our intellects, purifying our hearts, implanting divine faith, creating divine love, imparting divine hope, and causing us to consecrate to Thee all our powers of body, soul and spirit. Feed our minds with knowledge, and our souls with that Bread which came down from heaven; and make us to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent,—which is life eternal.

We humbly pray for all who instruct and guide us, that they may have divine teaching: for our companions, that our intercourse with them may be kind, frank, generous and noble; for our absent friends, that the Angel of mercy may walk around each of our homes, and that health and blessings may rest upon all whom we love.

O, Holy One! forgive our iniquities and pardon our sins. Blot out our transgressions, and write our names in the Lamb's book of life. Keep us while we separate. Give us quiet slumbers this night. In the morning, restore our faculties, and prepare us to meet its duties, and all the duties of life. Help us to bear our crosses, to meet our trials, to resist our temptations, to overcome our dangers, to live the life of faith, to die the death of Thy people, and to awake in Thy likeness forever. Let the Holy Spirit renew and sanctify us. And at last, through infinite mercy, receive our souls to Thy presence; and all the glory and the praise shall be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever. Amen.

John Todd.



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THE race that long in darkness pined,
Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death's surrounding night.

2 To hail Thy rise, Thou better Sun,
The gathering nations come
With joy, as when the reapers bear
The harvest treasures home.

3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given;
And Him shall all the earth obey,
And all the hosts of heaven.

4 His name shall be the Prince of peace,
For evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.

C. Wesley.

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MESSIAH! at Thy glad approach,
The howling winds are still:
Thy praises fill the lonely waste,
And breathe from every hill.

2 The hidden fountains at Thy call,
Their sacred stores unlock:
Loud in the desert, sudden streams
Burst living from the rock.

3 The incense of the Spring ascends
Upon the morning gale:
Red o'er the hill the roses bloom,
The lilies in the vale.

4 Let Israel to the Prince of peace
Their loud hosannas sing;
With hallelujahs, and with hymns,
O Zion, hail thy King!

Logan.

THEY shall call his name Emmanuel, which is, being interpreted, God with us.

2 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of peace.

3 I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come.

4 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold thy King cometh unto thee.

5 Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

6 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David.

7 And there was in their synagogues a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, What have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

8 That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

9 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

10 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up.

11 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

12 Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God!

13 Ye call me Master, and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

15 That they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

16 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ; when he is come, he will tell us all things.

17 As for our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

18 O the hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in the time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?

19 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXX.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, we adore Thee for the privilege of again approaching Thy throne of grace, to thank Thee for the unnumbered blessings we have received from Thy hands.

While shining hosts above prostrate themselves with profound reverence before Thee, and offer a pure and holy service, we rejoice that sinful children of the dust, with their imperfect tribute of praise, may come into Thy presence who fillest heaven itself with the glory of Thine excellency.

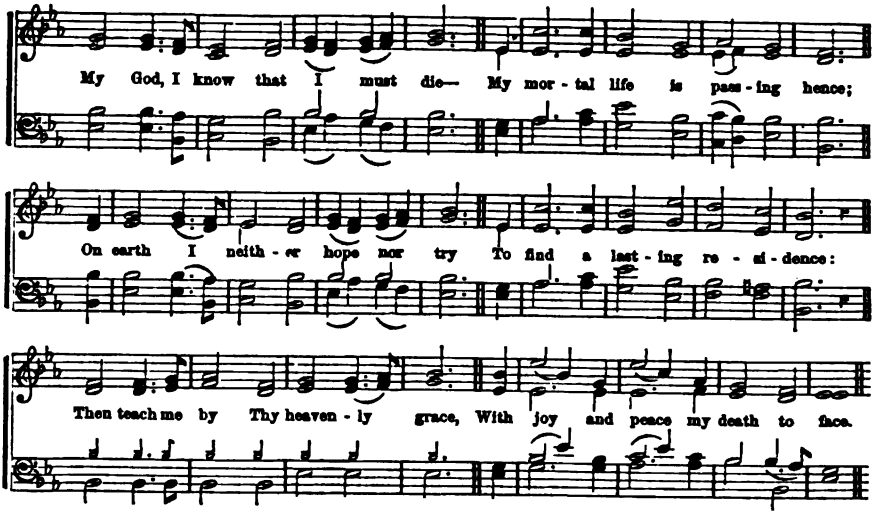
We thank Thee for the glorious doctrine, and the exceeding great and precious promises of Thy word of Truth. When there was no eye to pity and no arm to save, Thine eye did pity, and Thine arm brought salvation. Thou didst so love the world as to give Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. We rejoice that unto us a child is born, and unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of peace.

We thank Thee that He who was the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of His person, became Emmanuel, God with us, not indeed to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

We would also thank Thee for the temporal blessings by which we are surrounded. Thou hast cast our lines in pleasant places and given us a goodly heritage. Thou hast made us to live in an age of light and knowledge, in a land of civil and religious liberty. Thou hast supplied us with abundant sources of moral and intellectual improvement. Thou hast blessed our land with schools and higher institutions of learning, in which the youthful mind may be educated, trained up for exalted usefulness in this world, and fitted through the influences of divine truth, for honor, glory and immortality in the world to come.

Help us to appreciate these advantages, to improve these blessings, and to glorify Thee in our bodies and spirits which are Thine, which we ask for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

M. L. Hofford.



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MY God, I know that I must die—
My mortal life is passing hence;
On earth I neither hope nor try
To find a lasting residence:
Then teach me by Thy heavenly grace,
With joy and peace my death to face.

2 My God, I know not *when* I die,
What is the moment or the hour—
How soon the clay may broken lie,
How quickly pass away the flower:
Then may Thy child preparéd be
Through time to meet eternity.

3 My God, I know not *how* I die,
For death has many ways to come—
In dark, mysterious agony,
Or gently as a sleep to some:
Just as Thou wilt, if but it be
Forever, blessed Lord, with Thee.

4 My God, I know not *where* I die,
Where is my grave, beneath what strand;
Yet from its gloom I do rely
To be delivered by Thy hand:
Content, I take what spot is mine,
Since all the earth, my Lord, is Thine.

5 My gracious God, when I must die,
O, bear my happy soul above,
With Christ, my Lord, eternally
To share Thy glory and Thy love:
Then comes it right and well to me,
When, where, and how, my death shall be.

Schmolke.

DOXOLOGY.

Now to the great, the sacred Three,
The Father, Son, and Spirit, be
Eternal power and glory given,
Through all the worlds where God is known,
By all the angels near the throne,
And all the saints in earth and heaven.

WE are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow.

2 When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

3 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days as a hand-breadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily, every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

6 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

7 As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth: for the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

8 Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow, that passeth away.

9 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth: in that very day his thoughts perish.

10 Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

11 There is no man that hath power over the spirit, to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war.

12 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?

13 Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy, and sell, and get gain; whereas, ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXXI.

O LORD, Thou art from everlasting to everlasting; the Creator of all things, the Supporter of all life, and the Arbiter of all destinies. We adore Thee as the God in whom we live, and move and have our being. May we feel deeply our weakness, our dependence, and our sins. Grant us the pardon of our transgressions, for Christ's sake, and the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, to guide and strengthen us in our helplessness, that in all straits, of life or death, we may be able to say, "The Lord is our Helper."

Most merciful God, impress us suitably with the uncertainty of life. We feel that we are but dust; we perish before the moth; we appear for a little, and are soon removed; the places that know us now, shall shortly know us no more forever. Day by day, one and another are taken from our midst to their long home, and the mourners go about the streets continually. Soon the time will come when each of us shall be borne to the house appointed for all living. Oh, lead us to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, that in the valley of the shadow of death we may find the Lord our Righteousness, the rod and staff of our comfort, a very present help in every time of need.

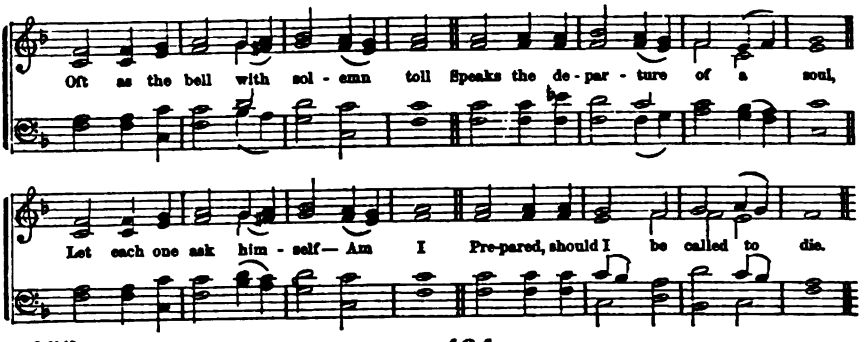
We rejoice, O Lord, in the hope of a glorious immortality. We shall not wholly die, although the decree has gone forth, "Dust we are, and unto dust shall we return;" yet Thou didst create in us Thine own likeness, and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life, and we became living souls. Thanks be unto Thee for that vital spark of heavenly flame. Give us grace so to cherish and develop this immortal principle within us, that we shall not be ashamed at Thy coming, O Lord, our Redeemer.

Enable us, our Heavenly Father, to spend our time on earth in Thy service. Thine we are by creation, may we be Thine, also, by redemption, and a hearty consecration of all our powers to Thee. Give us the same mind that was in Jesus, to do Thy will; may we avoid all anger, and malice, and uncharitableness, and whatever would hinder the free intercourse of Thy love with our souls. Grant us patience to submit to Thy dispensations. If it please Thee, give us length of days, to spend them to Thine honor and glory; if sudden or untimely death be decreed to us, may our departure from this life be neither sudden nor untimely, in the sense of being unprepared for performing those duties in our day and generation, to the faithful performance of which, thou hast promised long life. If cut down in the midst of our years, may we remember, "He is faithful who has promised." Direct us to Thy Holy word in all our afflictions, and may it always be the man of our counsel; a lamp to our feet, and a guide to our path.

O Lord, thus spending the time of our sojourn on earth, looking forward to that better and enduring existence beyond the grave, may we improve all Thy providences; may we fasten our affections on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who conquered death, and Him who had the power of death, and thus be freed from that fear of death, which all their lives keeps unpardoned sinners in bondage.

Dying daily unto sin, may our lives be hid in Christ; that at His appearing, who is our Resurrection and our Life, we may appear with Him, to have eternal life through riches of grace; and to Thy great name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Samuel Arthur.



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OFT as the bell with solemn toll
Speaks the departure of a soul,
Let each one ask himself—am I
Prepared, should I be called to die?

2 Then, leaving all I loved below,
To God's tribunal I must go;
Must hear the Judge pronounce my fate,
And fix my everlasting state.

3 Lord Jesus! help me now to flee,
And seek my hope alone in Thee:
Apply Thy blood, Thy Spirit give,
Subdue my sin, and in me live.

4 Then, when the solemn bell I hear,
If saved from guilt, I need not fear;
Nor would the thought distressing be,
Perhaps it next may toll for me.

Newton.

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THAT awful hour will soon appear:
Swift on the wings of time it flies;
When all that pains or pleases here
Will vanish from my closing eyes.

2 Death calls my friends, my neighbors hence,
None can resist the fatal dart:
Continual warnings strike my sense,
And shall they fail to reach my heart?

3 Think, O my soul, how much depends
On the short period of to-day;
Shall time, which Heaven in mercy lends,
Be negligently thrown away?

4 Lord of my life, inspire my heart
With heavenly ardor, grace divine;
Nor let Thy presence e'er depart,
For strength, and life, and death are Thine.

Steel.

BECAUSE I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet Thy God, O Israel.

2 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah, the prophet, said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die and not live.

3 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD.

4 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.

5 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest.

6 Watch, therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

7 But know this, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

8 Therefore, be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.

9 Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing.

10 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened to ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

11 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them.

12 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

13 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

14 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out.

15 But the wise answered, saying, Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

16 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut.

17 Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day, nor the hour, wherein the Son of Man cometh.

18 I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

19 Wherefore, we labor, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXXII.

"OUR FATHER, who art in Heaven," teach us while young to approach Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord; with deep contrition for sin, and a sense of the need of pardon, sanctification, and adoption into Thy blessed family.

Though young, we feel that our sins are many, and that our condition as lost sinners, is most fearful; that we must be born again, cleansed by the blood of Christ, and clothed with His perfect righteousness.

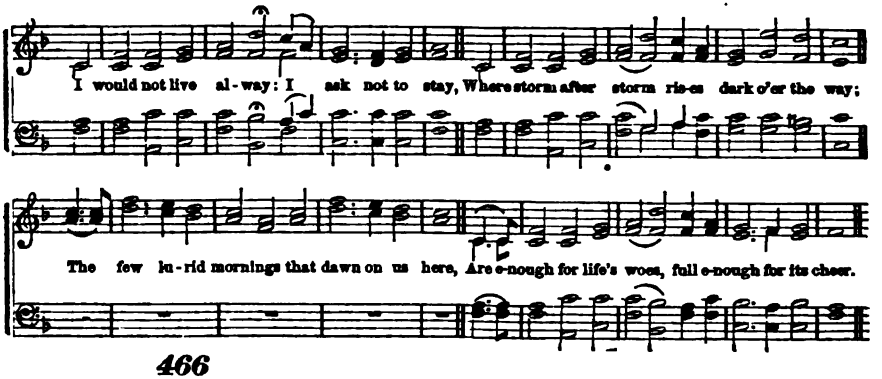
As we have seen many youthful companions borne away to an early grave, Thy Spirit has made us realize that "We dwell in houses of clay; and have our foundation in the dust; and are crushed before the moth;" that "Man, in his best state, is altogether vanity;" that "He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; that he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." Therefore, merciful Father, come nigh to us in the greatness of Thy compassion; and lead us "to abhor ourselves, and to repent in dust and ashes;" to embrace the Lord Jesus as a Saviour; and henceforth to "remember our Creator in the days of our youth; before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh when we shall say, We have no pleasure in them."

Make us to feel continually that it is such as seek Thee early, that shall find Thee, and shall "joy in the God of salvation." Make us to know the way that we should take, to escape the snares laid for our feet; that we may never "walk in the counsel of the ungodly; nor stand in the way of sinners; nor sit in the seat of the scornful;" but that we may "delight in the law of the Lord; and in Thy fear meditate day and night."

Thou hast said, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way, but by taking heed thereto, according to Thy word?" "Thy word giveth light." It is through Thy word that we may be made wiser than our enemies; and have more understanding than all our teachers, and refrain our feet from every false way.

Thus may we be like Samuel, "lent unto the Lord as long as we live; who was in favor with the Lord, and also with men;" or like good Josiah, "who did that which was right in the sight of the Lord; whose heart was tender, and who humbled himself before the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father;" or like young Timothy, who had "unfeigned faith," like his pious kindred, who was not ashamed of the testimony of the Lord; but held fast the form of sound words, in which he had been taught, in faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus.

Such a course of life, O Lord, Jehovah, we feel to be the best preparation for death; and to give us an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of God our Saviour; "to join with the innumerable company of angels, with the spirits of just men made perfect, and with Jesus the Mediator, and with God the Judge of all." Therefore, grant these petitions through Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be glory forever. Amen. *L. S. Barstow.*



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I WOULD not live alway: I ask not to stay
Where storm after storm rises dark o'er the way;
The few lurid mornings that dawn on us here
Are enough for life's woes, full enough for its cheer.

2 I would not live alway, thus fettered by sin;
Temptation without and corruption within;
E'en the rapture of pardon is mingled with fears,
And the cup of thanksgiving with penitent tears.

3 I would not live alway: no, welcome the tomb!
Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not its gloom;
There sweet be my rest, till He bid me arise
To hail Him in triumph descending the skies.

4 Who, who would live alway, away from his God,
Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode,
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns;

5 Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet,
Their Saviour and brethren transported to greet;
While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll,
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul!

Muhlenberg.

WE know that if the earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.

3 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

4 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

5 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself: that where I am, there ye may be also.

6 As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

7 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

8 The dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

9 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

10 We are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels;

11 To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.

12 And to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

13 We, according to his promise, look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it.

15 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

16 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

17 The city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXXIII.

O LORD, Thou art our Father, and through Jesus Christ, our Mediator, and Redeemer, we come unto Thee. Thou hast been the preserver of our fathers in ages past, and Thou art our hope in years to come. We pray Thee to inspire our hearts with reverence for Thee, and for Thy goodness, love, and mercy.

Give us that spiritual-mindedness, which is life, and joy, and peace. Help us to look away from the cares, perplexities, and afflictions, which are inseparable from our short and ever-changing life, and fix our thoughts upon those things which are heavenly and eternal.

We thank Thee for enlightening our hearts by Thy truth, and for strengthening and brightening the eye of our faith, that we may see the glory of Thy precious promises, and appropriate their inestimable riches to ourselves.

We thank Thee for the blessedness of heaven, which Thou hast reserved for all who love Thee, and come unto Thee, through Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

O Lord, so bestow Thy grace upon us, that while we long for the joys of Thy heavenly kingdom, we may patiently wait all the days of our appointed time, cheered by the hope, that when Thy righteous will is served by us, that we shall enter into the rest that remaineth for the people whom Thou hast chosen.

We thank Thee for the promise of uninterrupted and eternal joys, that Thou wilt give unto them, purchased by the sacrifice of Thy Son, when they shall enter into Thy kingdom.

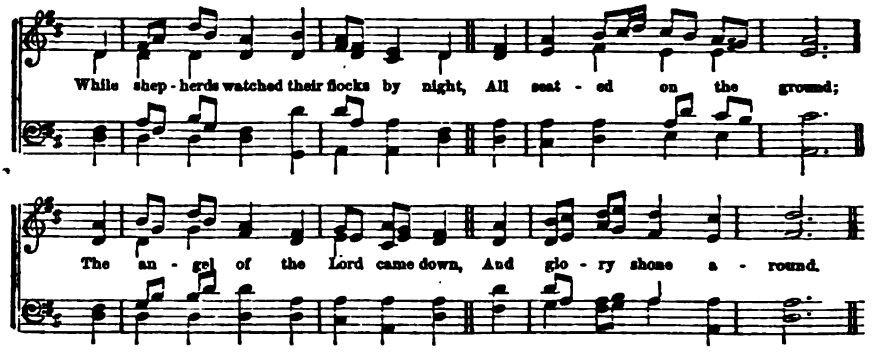
We pray Thee, give unto us freedom from sin, and victory over the power of temptation. Send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, that we may be kept from murmuring, on account of our afflictions and trials, that we may run with patience the race that is before us.

Grant unto us, that child-like and obedient spirit, by which we shall be reconciled to Thy sovereign will, when at all times we shall be able to say, Thy will be done.

O Lord, cause the light of the eternal world to shine upon our earthly pathway, that while we live, we may serve Thee, earnestly looking to our heavenly home, where we shall forever dwell with Thee, and with the ransomed, through the blood of the Lamb, gathered from every nation, kindred, and tongue from the whole earth.

And unto God the Father, and to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, we will ascribe glory, and honor, and dominion, forever, Amen.

Henry Highland Garnet.



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WHILE shepherds watched their flocks by [night,
All seated on the ground;
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

2 "Fear not," said He, (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind,)
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

3 "To you, in David's town, this day,
Is born, of David's line,
The Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord,
And this shall be the sign:

4 "The heavenly Babe you there shall find,
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising God, and thus
Addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will, henceforth, from Heaven to men
Begin, and never cease!"

Tate.

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1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"To be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb!" our lips reply,
"For He was slain for us."

Watts.

ALL the prophets from Samuel, and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

2 The LORD God said unto the serpent, I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heal.

3 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, of Judea, in the days of Herod, the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

4 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

5 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

6 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

7 And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

8 For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

9 And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

10 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

11 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

12 And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

13 When the fulness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

14 And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 Verily, he took not on him the nature of angels, but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

16 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

17 Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXXIV.

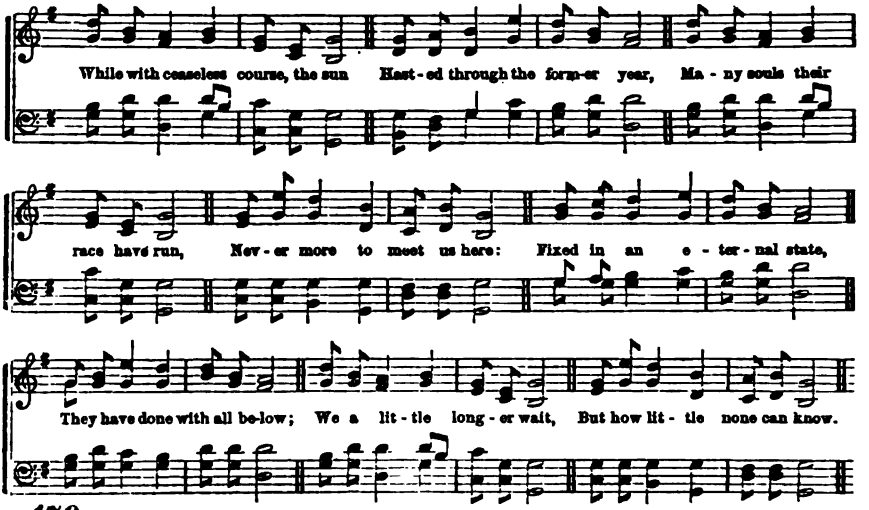
ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Thou art the high and lofty One that inhabitest eternity. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high. We bow before Thee, as those who are unworthy to come into Thy presence, but who need Thy mercy and compassion. We therefore thank Thee, that, though Thou dwellest in the high and holy place, Thou yet dost condescend to hear the prayers of Thy earthly children, and hast promised to be gracious unto them. We would remember with gratitude and adoration Thy sovereign love in the redemption of a lost world. When death came upon all men by sin, Thou didst graciously promise One who should destroy him that had the power of death, and grant them victory and deliverance. And in Thy own appointed time, Thou didst send forth Thy Son, to fulfil this gracious promise, and to become the Author of eternal life to all those who put their trust in Him. Thy ways, O Lord, are from everlasting. The earth is full of Thy mercy. So also is Thy Word which Thou hast revealed. Enable us, while we read its blessed pages, to see that mercy; and since the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy, to find that testimony in all its utterances, and to have our faith in Him strengthened thereby. To Jesus may we all come. At His feet may we lay our hearts, with their affections, better offerings than the gold and frankincense and myrrh, of eastern sages. O God, we bless Thee for the peace which Thou dost vouchsafe us through Him, peace and reconciliation with Thyself, from whom we were alienated by wicked works. And, as Thou hast loved us with an exceeding great love, manifesting in so wonderful a way Thy good will toward us, so may we love Thee with all our heart, and soul, and mind.

And, as Thou hast given the assurance of peace and good will to men, so we pray, that in the universal acceptance of the Gospel, these may every where prevail, and that all nations may be blessed through Him who is the Prince of peace.

O, Heavenly Father, give us, Thy servants, grace so to live, that the light of this knowledge which we have received, may shine before men, and that they, by us, may be led to glorify Thee.

Accept, we beseech Thee, these our supplications and thanksgivings, which we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Benjamin Watson.



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WHILE with ceaseless course, the sun
Hasted through the former year,
Many souls their race have run,
Never more to meet us here:
Fixed in an eternal state,
They have done with all below:
We a little longer wait,
But how little none can know.

2 As the wingéd arrow flies
Speedily the mark to find;
As the lightning from the skies
Darts, and leaves no trace behind,—
Swiftly thus our fleeting days
Bear us down life's rapid stream:
Upward, Lord, our spirits raise;
All below is but a dream.

3 Thanks for mercies past receive;
Pardon of our sins renew:
Teach us henceforth how to live,
With eternity in view.
Bless Thy word to old and young;
Fill us with a Saviour's love;
When our life's short race is run,
May we dwell with Thee above.

Newton.

TO every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time.

2 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest.

3 Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

4 I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.

5 I press toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

6 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that, for which I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

7 Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you.

8 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

9 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

10 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

11 Wherefore, as the Holy Ghost saith, To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness.

12 Exhort one another daily, while it is called To-day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

13 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles.

14 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons, judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

15 Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless.

16 Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

17 For yet a little while, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry.

18 I will pay my vows now unto the LORD, in the presence of all his people.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXXV.

WE THANK Thee, heavenly Father, for the years which Thou art giving us upon the earth, and for all the mercies and blessings which crown these years.

We beseech Thee to give us Thy grace, that we may so number our days as to apply our hearts unto wisdom. And as our years are passing away, and the days which we are to live upon the earth are growing fewer, help us, that whatsoever our hands find to do, we may do with our might, knowing that there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge in the grave, whither we all go.

Incline our hearts to Thy love and service, O God, and enable us to cast off the works of darkness, and to put on the whole armor of light.

May we pass the time of our sojourning here in Thy fear, running with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, and so living that we shall come, after this life, through Thy grace unto Thine everlasting glory.

Forgive, mercifully, all our sins, and accept us graciously for the sake of our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

M. B. Grier.

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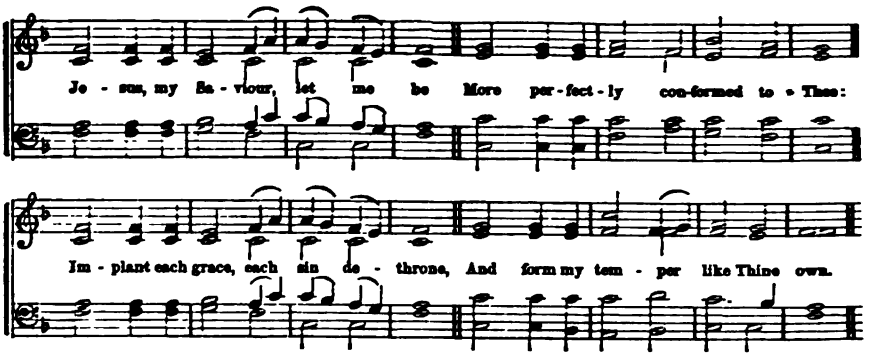

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JESUS, my Saviour, let me be
More perfectly conformed to Thee:
Implant each grace, each sin dethrone,
And form my temper like Thine own.

2 Let the envenom'd heart and tongue,
The hand outstretched to do me wrong,
Excite no feelings in my breast,
But such as Jesus once expressed.

3 To others let me always give
What I from others would receive:
Good deeds for evil ones return,
Nor when provoked with anger burn.

4 This will proclaim how bright, how fair
The precepts of Thy gospel are;
And God himself, the God of love,
His own resemblance will approve.

Beddome.

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O THOU who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire impart!
Kindle a flame of sacred love,
On the mean altar of my heart.

2 There let it for Thy glory burn,
With ceaseless and with glowing blaze:
And, trembling, to its source return,
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

3 Jesus! confirm my heart's desire,
To work and speak and think for Thee:
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me.

4 Ready for all Thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat;
While others see and learn to love
The Lord, in whom we are complete.

C. Wesley.

MY son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

2 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path.

3 Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man thou shalt not go; lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

4 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son; but he that is a companion of riotous men, shameth his father.

5 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

6 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

7 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: so that ye were ensamples to all that believe.

8 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

9 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

10 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

11 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

12 That whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

14 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men.

15 Forsake the foolish and live; and go in the way of understanding.

16 Their word will eat as doth a canker, of whom is Hymeneus and Philetus:

17 Who, concerning the truth, have erred; saying, That the resurrection is past already, and overthrow the faith of some.

18 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

19 For there are many unruly and vain talkers, and deceivers,

20 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not.

21 I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago, and your zeal hath provoked very many.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXXVI.

O LORD GOD, thou hast so ordered our lot in this world, that none of us liveth to himself. In our relations to our fellow-men, and by reason of our constant intercourse with them, we cannot but exert an influence through the principles by which we are governed, and the conduct which we practise. In these solemn circumstances, we are our brothers' keepers.

Most earnestly therefore do we pray, that the Holy Spirit may regeneate our nature, and restrain and remove all our unholy propensities.

When enticements to sin are placed before us, or the temptations of Satan would lead us astray, may we not yield to their allurements, but be enabled to resist them, and to shun every wicked way. May we never walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

Holy Father, dispose us so to live, as that our example shall serve to encourage every thing that is good, and be a rebuke to every thing that is evil. Set a watch, O Lord, upon our mouth, that we speak not unadvisedly with our lips.

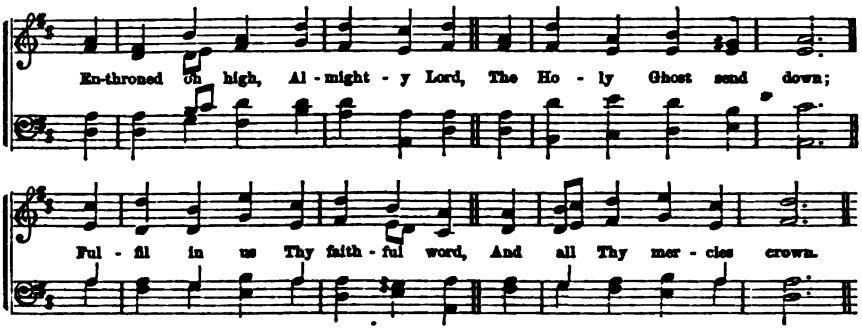
May we love the society of those who are Thy children, because they bear the image of Him who was holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners. May we ever be under the guidance of that wisdom which is from above, and thus reflect the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in our daily walk and conversation. May it be our meat and our drink to do the will of our Heavenly Father.

Communicate to us a spirit of love and forgiveness toward all men, in humble imitation of our loving and forgiving Saviour. Help us ever to look beyond the present, to be animated by motives drawn from eternity, and may it be our constant aim to live not to ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again.

And when we come to the close of our earthly course, may we know that we have not lived in vain, and be enabled through grace to anticipate the happy welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servants; enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

We offer these our imperfect supplications, in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Ira Harris.



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ENTHRONED on high, Almighty Lord,
The Holy Ghost send down;
Fulfil in us Thy faithful word,
And all Thy mercies crown.

2 Though on our heads no tongue of fire
Their wondrous powers impart,
Grant, Saviour, what we more desire,
Thy Spirit in our heart.

3 Spirit of life, and light, and love,
Thy heavenly influence give;
Quicken our souls, our guilt remove,
That we in Christ may live.

4 His love within us shed abroad,
Life's ever-springing well;
Till God in us, and we in God,
In love eternal dwell.

Humphries.

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SPIRIT Divine! attend our prayer,
And make our hearts Thy home;
Descend with all Thy gracious power:
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light: to us reveal
Our sinfulness and woe;
And lead us in those paths of life
Where all the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts,
Like sacrificial flame:
Let our whole soul an offering be
To our Redeemer's name.

4 Spirit Divine, attend our prayer,
And make our hearts Thy home;
Descend with all Thy gracious power:
Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Reed.

THEY rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit; therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

2 And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh.

3 All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

4 Whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him; neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

5 Quench not the Spirit.

6 He that despised Moses' law, died without mercy under two or three witnesses.

7 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

8 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

9 Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

10 Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

11 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

12 When Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

13 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

14 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

15 What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

16 Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

17 He that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

18 The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXXVII.

HOLY SPIRIT of all grace, with all angels and archangels, we adore Thee as God! Infinite in all Thy perfections, one with the Godhead in all power and glory, we entreat Thee, for Christ's sake, be gracious unto us and hear our prayer.

Thou art He from whom all good thoughts and just works do proceed. By Thee we have access unto the Father. Unless born of Thee, we cannot see the kingdom of God. Helpless and sinful, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee.

We give Thee thanks for the "promise of the Father," and for the purchase of our Redeemer's blood. We adore Thee, ever-blessed Spirit, for Thy own condescending love, Thy gracious impulses, and Thy willingness to help our infirmities.

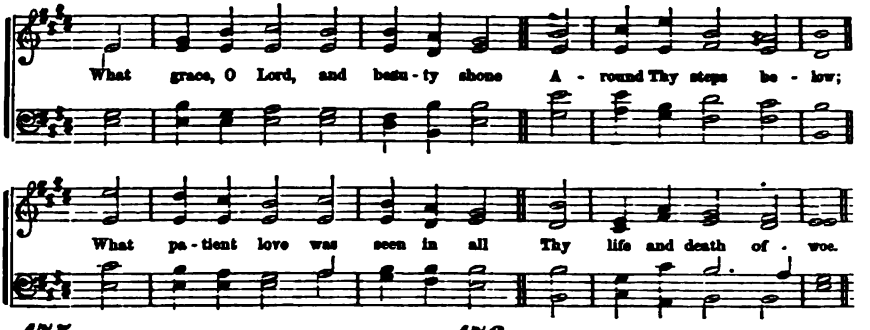
Our prayer is that we may be convinced of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. Quicken us from death. Lead us into all truth. Show us the things of Jesus. O Thou, who alone canst make divine truth effective in our awakening and salvation, add thereto, we beseech Thee, Thy demonstration and power. Remove all our darkness. Open Thou our eyes to behold the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. Melt our hearts; move our affections; determine our wills; break down our sinful pride; humble us before God. We beg Thee so to reveal unto us the fearful evil and demerit of sin, so to fill us with a just fear of God's displeasure, and so to affect us with a sense of the love and sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord, that we may be pricked to the heart, and made ashamed of our sins.

Suffer us not to be given over always to resist the Holy Ghost. O Thou who hast said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man," take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Pardon our past neglect and stubbornness. We acknowledge Thou wouldst be just in withdrawing from us forever, that we might be left to eat the fruit of our own doings; but, we beseech Thee, deal not with us in wrath. Though we have rebelled and vexed Thee, yet so help us that we may hereafter neither reject Thee, nor resist Thee, nor do Thee despite, nor quench nor grieve Thee. Save us from such fearful sin, in the which, if we continue, we know that we have never forgiveness, neither in this world nor in that which is to come.

That we may never come into such condemnation, we beg Thee, O gracious Spirit, at once to regenerate us, and hereafter to dwell in and abide with us.

Finally, we beseech Thee, O Thou, who being exalted a Prince and a Saviour, didst shed forth that which was seen and heard at Pentecost, pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh. Our hope is in Thee. And to Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be everlasting praises, world without end. Amen.

Sylvester F. Scovel.



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WHAT grace, O Lord, and beauty shone
Around Thy steps below;
What patient love was seen in all
Thy life and death of woe.

2 For, ever on Thy burdened heart
A weight of sorrow hung;
Yet no ungentle, murmuring word
Escaped Thy silent tongue.

3 Thy foes might hate, despise, revile,
Thy friends unfaithful prove:
Unwearied in forgiveness still,
Thy heart could only love.

4 O, give us hearts to love like Thee;
Like Thee, O Lord, to grieve
Far more for others' sins, than all
The wrongs that we receive.

Unknown.

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ONCE more the sun is beaming bright,
Once more to God we pray,
That His eternal light may guide
And cheer our souls this day.

2 Oh, may no sin our hands defile,
Or cause our minds to rove;
Upon our lips be simple truth,
And in our hearts be love.

3 Throughout the day, O Christ, in Thee
May ready help be found,
To save our souls from Satan's wiles,
Who still is hovering round.

4 Subservient to Thy daily praise
Our daily toil shall be;
So may our works, in Thee begun,
Be further'd, Lord, by Thee.

Ambrose.

LET this mind be also in you which was in Christ Jesus.

2 For even hereunto were ye called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

3 Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

4 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

5 If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet.

6 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

7 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

8 And other sheep have I which are not of this fold; them, also, I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

9 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom; and shall gently lead those that are with young.

10 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

11 For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

12 Ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

13 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.

14 We all, with open face, beholding as in a glass, the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

15 That we, speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

16 Behold I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and a commander to the people.

17 These are they which follow the Lamb, whithersoever he goeth.

18 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXXVIII.

MERCIFUL FATHER: We thank Thee for Thy great condescension and loving-kindness in providing for our every want; especially in the gift of Thine only begotten Son to be an example for us throughout our earthly life.

Enable us, O God, by Thy blessed Spirit, to enlarge our minds and hearts, so as to appreciate Him as our personal Saviour; that we may make Him our daily Pattern; that we may walk in the light He has given, and be fully prepared for all that awaits us in the future.

Grant us Thine aid to be, like Him, patient in suffering, trusting and hopeful in affliction, humble-minded, and faithful to friends, tender-hearted towards the weak and lowly, and ever fearless witness-bearers of the truth.

O strengthen us day by day, by clearer views of His character, and a gracious ability to conform to it more and more; that we may speak the truth in love; that we may strive as He did, against sin; that we may work as He worked, to save sinners; and that we and they may all be finally changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

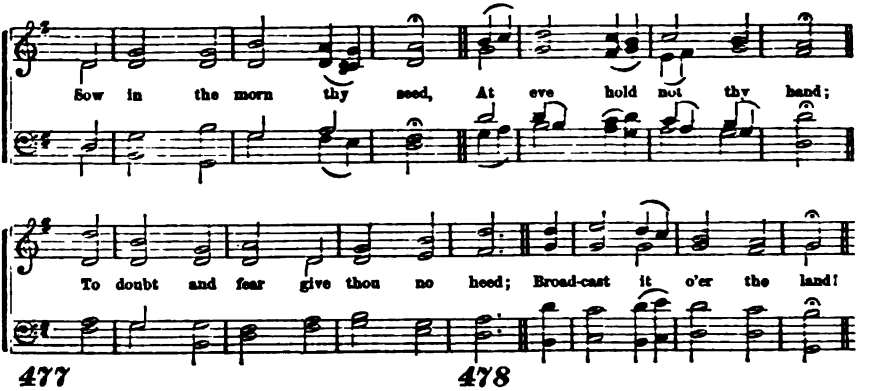
We would watch and pray with the same constancy, for a strong and steadfast faith in Thee, to reassure us in the hours of toil, of sorrow, and of gloom; for a deep and abiding love towards Thee, our Father, that we may worship Thee in Spirit and in truth, and enjoy Thee forever with the whole heart.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy grace, that we may grow in knowledge, in wisdom, and in holiness, in order that we may become the joyful inhabitants of those mansions which He, our blessed Lord, has gone to prepare for those that love Him.

All which we ask in the name of our Redeemer and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

O. O. Howard.

Idleness forbidden **ST. THOMAS. S. M.** *by the Law of God.*



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SOW in the morn thy seed,
At eve hold not thy hand;
To doubt and fear give thou no heed;
Broadcast it o'er the land!

2 Then duly shall appear,
In verdure, beauty, strength,
The tender blade, the stalk, the ear,
And the full corn at length.

3 Thou canst not toil in vain;
Cold, heat, and moist and dry,
Shall foster and mature the grain
For garners in the sky.

4 Then, when the glorious end,
The day of God shall come,
The angel-reapers shall descend,
And heaven sing, "Harvest-home!"

Montgomery.

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MY soul, it is thy God
Who calls thee by His grace;
Now loose thee from each cumbering load,
And bend thee to the race.

2 Make thy salvation sure;
All sloth and slumber shun;
Nor dare a moment rest secure,
Till thou the goal hast won.

3 Thy crown of life hold fast;
Thy heart with courage stay;
Nor let one trembling glance be cast
Along the backward way.

4 Thy path ascends the skies,
With conquering footsteps bright;
And thou shalt win and wear the prize
In everlasting light.

Unknown.

HE that is slothful in his work, is brother to him that is a great waster.

2 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

3 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

4 Then I saw, and considered it well; I looked upon it and received instruction.

5 As the door turneth upon its hinges, so doth the slothful man upon his bed.

6 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

7 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise.

8 Which, having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

11 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

12 The sluggard will not plough by reason of the cold; therefore, shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

13 Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you: that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

14 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any man would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

15 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom; pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her, and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

16 The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

17 To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

18 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXXXIX.

O THOU Creator, and Preserver of the Universe! we, Thy dependent children, do humbly beseech Thee to inspire us with a just sense of the duty and dignity of labor, and the consequent sin and shame of idleness.

Thou hast taught us in Thy holy word, that the universe is the work of Thy creative power and providential care. Teach us, we devoutly pray, to be workers together with Thee, in the advancement of Thy kingdom and glory.

Eternal and omnipotent God! show us, we do earnestly entreat Thee, our high calling in Christ Jesus, Thy Son, our Lord and Redeemer. For His sake, pour upon us the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may ever be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

O, help us to double our diligence. Grant us divine strength, to make our calling and election sure.

Prevent us from idling away the precious moments of our fleeting lives.

Prevent us from wasting the hours Thou hast given us for Thy glory, in sinful and foolish pleasures.

Prevent us from squandering in time the opportunities and blessings designed to fit us for eternity.

Bestow upon us grace in all our ways to acknowledge Thee; that, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may do all to the glory of God.

We adore Thee as the giver of every good and perfect gift; and, above all, as the Author and Finisher of our faith.

O, shine on every path of duty we are called to tread; that it may grow brighter and brighter, unto the perfect day.

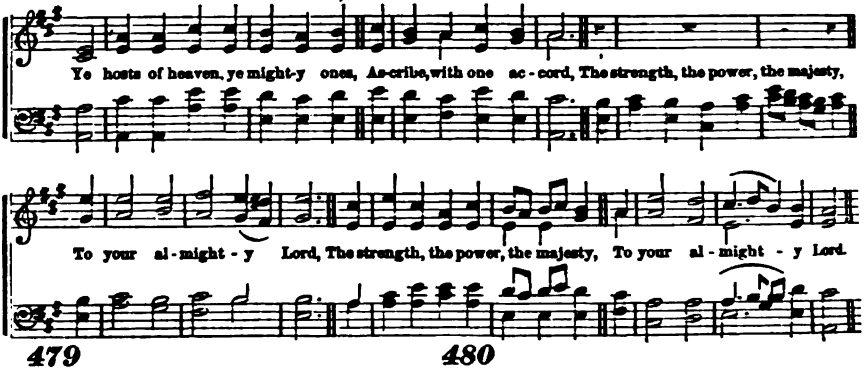
Help us to bear all our disappointments with patience; to endure every loss with resignation; and lead us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

We humbly acknowledge our constant dependence upon Thee, O, God! for guidance and prosperity in all our affairs. We look to Thee for Thy blessing on all the labors of our hands; but O, save us from the wickedness and folly of making haste to be rich.

Infinite and gracious Father! wilt Thou grant us the happiness of knowing that all our enterprises please Thee? For the silver and the gold are Thine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills; for Thine are the early and the latter rains; Thine is the spring time; Thine is the harvest; the sea is Thine, and all that is therein.

Help us, then, O Thou heart-searching and rein-trying God! so to improve all Thy gifts, that our industry and thrift may ever redound to Thy glory; and when Thou shalt call for the stewardship of our lives, we may hear Thee say, Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord. These things we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

Charles W. Denison.



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YE hosts of heaven, ye mighty ones,
Ascribe, with one accord,
The strength, the power, the majesty,
To your almighty Lord.

2 Give glory to His holy name,
And honor Him alone;
In beauty meet of holiness
Approach His lofty throne.

3 Jehovah's voice of majesty
Is on the waters wide;
The God of glory thundereth,
And on the seas doth ride.

4 Jehovah sits upon the floods,
And tempests rage in vain;
Jehovah sits as Sovereign King,
And evermore shall reign.

Unknown.

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LIFT up to God the voice of praise,
Whose breath our souls inspired;
Loud and more loud the anthems raise,
With grateful ardor fired.

2 Lift up to God the voice of praise,
Whose goodness, passing thought,
Loads every moment, as it flies,
With benefits unsought.

3 Lift up to God the voice of praise,
From whom salvation flows;
Who sent His Son our souls to save
From everlasting woes.

4 Lift up to God the voice of praise,
For hope's transporting ray,
Which lights through darkest shades of death
To realms of endless day.

Wardlaw.

THOU shall fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

2 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God; I am the LORD.

3 The king shall rejoice in God: every one that sweareth by him shall glory; but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

4 He who blesseth himself in the earth, shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth.

5 How shall I pardon thee for this? Thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods.

6 So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life.

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth forever.

8 Love no false oath; for all these things I hate, saith the LORD.

9 Men verily swear by the greater; and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

10 Then began Peter to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

11 And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

12 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

13 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

14 And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him to-day.

15 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

16 Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the LORD thine oaths:

17 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

18 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXL.

FATHER of the spirits of all flesh, and God of all grace, to whom all things appear as they are! It is Thy prerogative to comprehend the end from the beginning,—to say, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. To whom shall we go but unto Thee? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

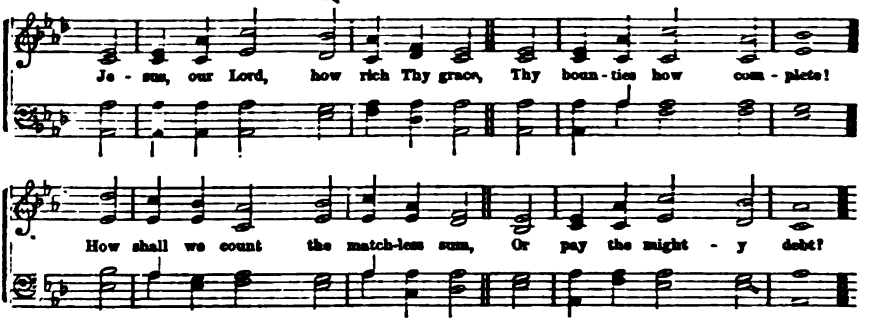
We thank Thee, that Thou hast made us wiser than the beasts of the field, and given to us more understanding than to the fowls of heaven,—that, in our ruin, in our fallen progenitor, when by man came death, Thou hast not left us to perish without hope; but, in Thine infinite love and sovereign grace, didst choose Thy people in Christ Jesus, from before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before Thee in love. We thank Thee that He abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light by the gospel,—that, while darkness pervades many lands, Thou hast given to us Thy word as a light to our feet, which not only teaches us to taste and see that God is good, but to sanctify Thy great, dreadful, and holy name; to swear not at all irreverently, neither by heaven, nor by any other oath; but to let our yea, be yea, and our nay, nay; to fear the Lord our God, and serve Him, and swear by His name.

Keep us from profanity in thought and word, that our speech may be with grace, seasoned with salt. Rebuke, in Thy holy providence, that spirit of profanity, which so increasingly and fearfully pervades our country, and on account of which our land mourneth. May an oath, sworn in truth and judgment and righteousness, soon be, in all lands, through the knowledge of the glorious gospel, an end of all strife, and may men everywhere be brought to speak the truth in love.

May Christ be made of God to us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and complete redemption. May He, by His word and Spirit, dispel our ignorance; by His penal, vicarious, and expiatory sufferings and prevalent intercession, remove our guilt; as our Advocate, ever make intercession for us; and, as our King, subdue us to Himself, deliver us from our enemies, sin and Satan, and rule us by His own authority, bringing our thoughts habitually into obedience to His will; so that we may, by diligence in study, get knowledge, wisdom, and understanding; and so that we may in due time be prepared for usefulness on earth, for a peaceful death, and a glorious immortality. Enable us to live to Thy glory, to follow on to know the Lord, that we may know Him, and our hearts may rejoice.

And when that last oath shall be sworn, by Him that liveth forever and ever, that there shall be time no longer, may we, through the sanctification of Thy Spirit and belief of Thy truth, be admitted to abide in Thy tabernacle, to dwell in Thy holy hill, and go no more out. Let the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen and Amen.

Alexander Blaikie.



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JESUS, our Lord, how rich Thy grace,
Thy bounties how complete:
How shall we count the matchless sum,
Or pay the mighty debt?

2 But Thou hast brethren here below,
The partners of Thy grace,
And wilt confess their humble names
Before Thy Father's face.

3 In them Thou may'st be clothed, and fed,
And visited, and cheered;
And in their accents of distress,
Our Saviour's voice is heard.

4 Thy face with reverence and with love,
We in Thy poor would see;
O, rather let us beg our bread,
Than hold it back from Thee.

Doddridge.

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LORD, lead the way the Saviour went,
By lane and cell obscure,
And let our treasures still be spent,
Like His, upon the poor.

2 Like Him, through scenes of deep distress,
Who bore the world's sad weight,
We, in their gloomy loneliness,
Would seek the desolate.

3 For Thou hast placed us side by side
In this wide world of ill;
And that Thy followers may be tried,
The poor are with us still.

4 Small are the offerings we can make;
Yet Thou hast taught us, Lord,
If given for the Saviour's sake,
They lose not their reward.

Crosswell.

LABOR not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

2 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

3 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

4 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

5 We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out; and having food and raiment, let us be therewith content.

6 But they that will be rich fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

7 For the love of money is the root of all evil; which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

8 Fornication, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not be once named among you as becometh saints.

9 For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

10 Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God.

11 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

12 As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not, so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

13 A faithful man shall abound with blessings, but he that maketh haste to be rich, shall not be innocent.

14 Thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth.

15 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

16 He that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

17 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

18 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.

19 Riches profit not in the day of wrath; but righteousness delivereth from death.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXLI.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Friend, we adore Thee as the greatest and best of beings, the King eternal, immortal and invisible.

We bless Thee for the revelation Thou hast given of Thyself in Thy word and works. While the heavens declare Thy glory, and all Thy works praise Thee, thy Word is a light to our feet, and shows us the way of salvation. Help us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to understand its teachings, to receive them with faith and love, to lay them up in our hearts, and to reduce them to practice in our lives. May we not be forgetful hearers, but doers of the word. O Lord, incline our hearts to will and to do Thy good pleasure.

While we trust in the finished work of our precious Redeemer for justification, and have no confidence in any work of our own, we pray that we may strive every day and every where to follow in His footsteps, and imitate his holy example.

We ask that the Holy Spirit may renew us in the whole man after the image of God, making us daily to die to sin and live unto righteousness. Keep us from doing any thing this day, on which we would be afraid or ashamed to ask Thy blessing, and help us, whether we eat, or drink, or whatsoever we do, to do all to Thy glory. Guard us by Thy care; guide us in the way of holiness; gather us all to Thy glory.

We ask all these blessings in the name of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us; whom having not seen we love, in whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

To the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be glory forever. Amen.

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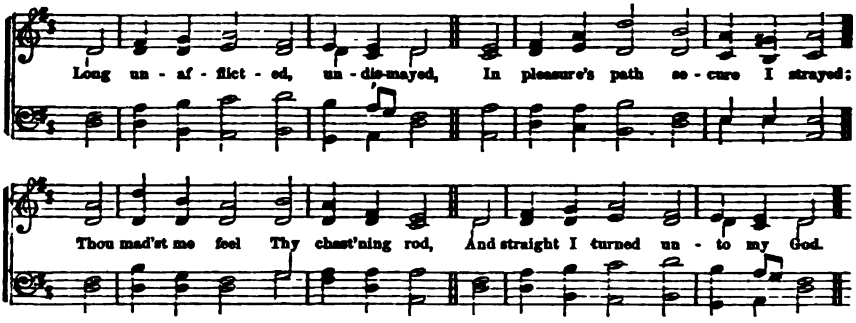

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LONG unafflicted, undismayed,
In pleasure's path secure I strayed:
Thou mad'st me feel Thy chastening rod,
And straight I turned unto my God.

2 What though it pierced my fainting heart,
I bless Thine hand that caused the smart:
It taught my tears awhile to flow,
But saved me from eternal woe.

3 O, hadst Thou left me unchastised,
Thy precepts I had still despised;
And still the snare in secret laid,
Had my unwary feet betrayed.

4 I love Thee, therefore, O my God,
And breathe towards Thy dear abode;
Where, in Thy presence fully blest,
Thy chosen saints forever rest.

Cowper.

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THOUGH I have grieved Thy Spirit, Lord,
His help and comfort still afford;
And let a wretch come near Thy throne,
To plead the merits of Thy Son.

2 A broken heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring:
The God of grace will ne'er despise
A broken heart for sacrifice.

3 My soul lies humbled in the dust,
And owns Thy dreadful sentence just:
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,
And save the soul condemned to die.

4 I cannot live without Thy light,
Cast out and banished from Thy sight:
Thy holy joys, my God, restore,
And guard me that I fall no more.

Watts.

LET him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.

2 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

3 But exhort one another while it is called To-day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

4 While it is said, To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

5 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

6 I will hear what God the LORD will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

7 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways; and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

8 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?

9 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

10 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee; know, therefore, and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the LORD.

11 O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

12 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

13 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time.

14 Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world.

15 My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

16 If after they have escaped the pollutions of the world, through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

17 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins; but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation.

18 Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXLII.

ART Thou not from everlasting, O Lord, our God, our Holy One? Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity. Even the heavens are not clean in Thy sight. Wherewith then shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before the high God? Look not upon us, O Lord, look not upon us, but upon Jesus, Thine Anointed, and for His sake have mercy. Father, we have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and are no more worthy to be called Thy children. We have known Thy will, and have not done it. And what is more grievous, we have hardened our hearts against the gospel of Thy Son, who was crucified for us. God be merciful to us sinners.

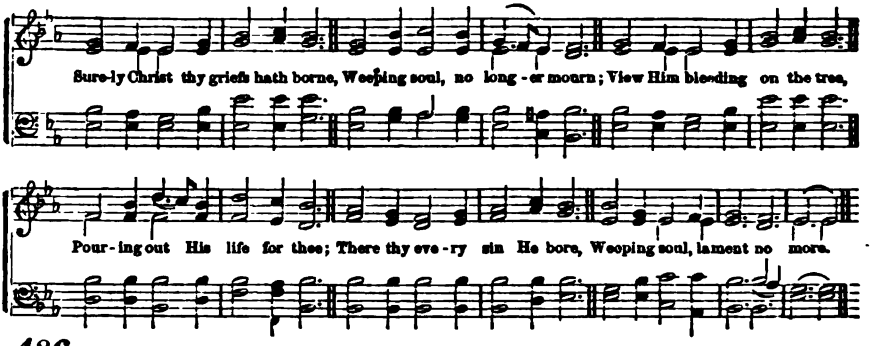
O Lord, we have entered into covenant with Thee, promising that we would love Thee with all our heart, and make Thy will the rule of our life. In the most solemn manner, even whilst partaking of the symbols of our Saviour's body and blood, we have vowed that we would be Thine in an everlasting covenant. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us confusion of face: for we have broken our covenant, and departed from Thee, the Lord our God. We have backslidden from Thee, trampling Thy law under foot, and hardening our hearts even against the love of Him who gave His back to the smiter for us. And when Thou, with infinite compassion, hast entreated us to return unto Thee, saying, Ye backsliding children, seek ye my face, we have perversely closed our ear. We have acted most wickedly, and we deserve Thine everlasting displeasure.

And yet to Thee belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Thee. Thou hast encouraged us to return from our backslidings. Heal Thou us, O Lord, and we shall be healed, save us and we shall be saved. Draw us and we shall run after Thee. Bestow Thy Holy Spirit upon us, that with His divine assistance we may repent with a godly sorrow, and never again backslide from Thee. Leave us not alone, or we shall again fall into sin and perish. Hold Thou us up, O Lord, and we shall be safe. Restore unto us the joys of Thy salvation; uphold us with Thy free Spirit.

Our Father and our God, even when we thus come, burdened with a sense of our sins against Thee, to confess them, and to beseech Thee to pardon them, we would with thanksgiving make known our requests unto Thee. We thank Thee for each one of Thy countless mercies, each of which is more precious, because bestowed on such unworthy creatures as we are. What shall we render unto the Lord, for all His benefits? We will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord; we will pay our vow unto the Lord now, in the presence of His people.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to answer us in mercy, and to accept our thanks, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom Thou ever hearest. Amen.

Joseph F. Tuttle.



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SURELY Christ thy griefs hath borne,
Weeping soul, no longer mourn;
View Him bleeding on the tree,
Pouring out His life for thee;
There thy every sin He bore,
Weeping soul, lament no more.

2 Weary sinner, keep thine eyes
On the atoning sacrifice;
There the incarnate Deity,
Numbered with transgressors, see;
There, His Father's absence mourns,
Nailed, and bruised, and crowned with thorns.

3 Cast thy guilty soul on Him,
Find Him mighty to redeem;
At His feet thy burden lay,
Look thy doubts and cares away;
Now by faith the Son embrace,
Plead His promise, trust His grace.

4 Lord, Thine arm must be revealed,
Ere I can by faith be healed:
Since I scarce can look to Thee,
Cast a gracious eye on me;
At Thy feet myself I lay,
Take, O take my fears away.

Toplady.

IF the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

2 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the LORD God; and not that he should return from his ways and live?

3 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance.

4 If iniquity be in thy hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

5 Wash ye, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil.

6 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

7 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

8 All those things have been, saith the LORD, but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

9 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God; for he is gracious and merciful.

10 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly.

11 And he said, Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

12 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

13 Repent, therefore, of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

14 Jesus said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day.

15 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

16 Then began he to upbraid the cities, wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not.

17 Behold this self-same thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge!

18 Go, and sin no more.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise the name of God most high;
Praise Him, all below the sky;
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
As through countless ages past,
Evermore His praise shall last.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXLIII.

ALMIGHTY God, Thou source of all true wisdom, grant unto us, Thy servants, the spirit as well as the form of godliness and reverence, that, worshipping Thee in the beauty of holiness, we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

Grant unto Thy young servants a heart to acquaint themselves with Him in whom the treasures of all truth find their glorious source; that while they endeavor to press through difficulties toward the light which welcomes them onward in the paths of human knowledge, and in secular studies, they may also be imbued with a fearless desire, and grace to become children of the light which gleams in upon our darkness from the Throne of God, and of His Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whom all the treasures of knowledge are hid.

Grant unto us, each and all, consciences easily impressed by the movements of Thy most gracious providence and Thine appointments,—that in whatever position Thou hast placed us, we may bear the burdens, perform the duties, enjoy the privileges, and meet the claims before us with all humility, earnestness and courage, walking in the light which knows no variableness nor shadow.

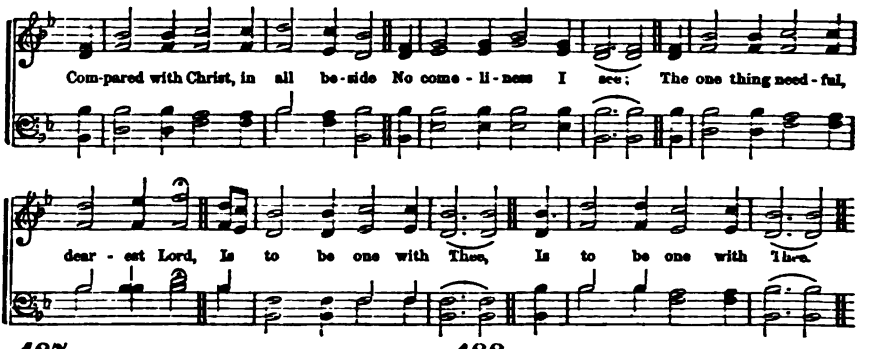
Give unto us a heart for truth, and an aptness both to teach and to learn, that, of Thy great mercy, we may discover the true value of all learning which leads both those who teach and those who learn, to dedicate all knowledge to the great end for which all truth was given, to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

May the lives and health of all in this institution be precious to Thee, that we may serve Thee with the talents Thou hast bestowed, and render back to God, through Jesus Christ, the gifts of His condescending love, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

And, Almighty God, grant, we beseech Thee Thy loving favor unto those whom Thou hast appointed over these, Thy young servants, as parents and guardians, as also unto those who are near to them in the ties of relationship or of friendship, that there may be no disappointments of just hopes and bright expectations; but that, with all diligence, health of body and of mind, and with successful resistance to the snares and temptations of Satan, they may courageously perform all the duties which they may have assumed, and which in Thy providence they have appointed to them,—that this, the seed-time of future success, may not be trifled with to future defeat and sorrow.

Give unto us this day the strength, the will, and the effort sufficient for the day, and may this day's earnestness be as seed for a harvest not only in this world, but in that to come. And Thou, Holy Spirit of God, impress upon all hearts the necessity of repentance for sin, and faith in Him who was given to take away the sin of the world, so that no one here present may fail of eternal life, which we ask through Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

H. S. Osborn.



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COMPARED with Christ, in all beside,
No comeliness I see;
The one thing needful, dearest Lord,
Is to be one with Thee.

2 The sense of Thine expiring love
Into my soul convey:
Thyself bestow! for Thee alone,
My All in All, I pray.

3 Less than Thyself will not suffice
My comfort to restore;
More than Thyself I cannot crave,
And Thou canst give no more.

4 Whate'er consists not with Thy love,
Oh, teach me to resign!
I'm rich to all th' intents of bliss,
If Thou, O Lord, art mine.

Toplady.

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LET worldly minds the world pursue,
It has no charms for me;
Once I admired its trifles, too,
But grace has set me free.

2 As by the light of opening day,
The stars are all concealed;
So earthly pleasures fade away,
When Jesus is revealed.

3 These pleasures now no longer please,
No more content afford;
Far from my heart be joys like these,
For I have seen the Lord.

4 Now, Lord, I would be Thine alone,
And wholly live to Thee:
But may I hope that Thou wilt own
A worthless worm like me?

Newton.

THUS saith the LORD, The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets.

2 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

3 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry.

4 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

5 Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings.

8 She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

9 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to weep, and a time to laugh.

10 He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

11 I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life.

12 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor: it is the gift of God.

13 Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works: for that is his portion.

14 Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat, and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor, that he taketh under the sun, all the days of his life, which God giveth him; for it is his portion.

15 The heart of fools is in the house of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools:

16 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity.

17 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider.

18 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

19 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXLIV.

O LORD, our God, we adore Thee as Creator, Preserver and Ruler of all things; as the Author and Giver of every good and perfect gift; the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We praise Thee with our whole soul for the gift of Thy Son to be our Saviour, and of Thy Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts and purify us by faith, that we may love and serve Thee as Thy children forever and ever. O make us Thine, wholly Thine, now and evermore. Fill our hearts with faith in Jesus and love to Thee, our Heavenly Father, by the in-dwelling presence of the Holy Ghost.

We bless Thee, O God, for the days of our youth, and thank Thee that we can rejoice in our youth, and cheer our hearts in the delights of our youth. Make us grateful, we beseech Thee, for Thy timely and kindly warning of the judgment, and enable us, through faith in Jesus, to keep the mastery of our desires, and hold dominion over our passions, and never to yield and become the slaves of pleasure and of sin. Give unto all our sports and pastimes, the brightness of Thy presence, and save us from the guilt and danger of every forbidden thing, and of every sinful word and way. Make us truly Christian in our pleasures, and then may we hope to be truly Christian in our duties.

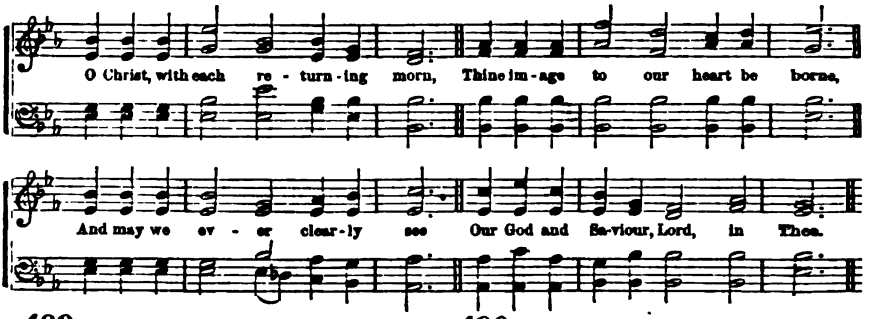
We thank Thee, O Lord, for every privilege and blessing of our youth. Thou hast favored us above all nations, and blessed us above all other lands. Thou hast given us a country broad, beautiful and rich, with room enough for all. Thou hast handed down to us liberty, bought with the blood of our fore-fathers, kept by the blood of their sons, and protected by a government founded in wisdom and justice, and tried in peace and war. And Thou hast given us schools, teachers and books, for our instruction in every thing useful and lovely.

Help us, O Lord God of our fathers, now in the days of our youth, to treasure the memory of our fathers, and to follow in their footsteps; to love our country, and be ready to defend it with our lives, and to rejoice in our privileges, and use them so that we shall become wise, and good and strong, and prove to be worthy sons of our noble sires.

God bless America, bind the States together in peace, liberty and love, and extend the like freedom and order to every land under heaven.

God prepare us now for an honorable and useful part hereafter in the spread of Christianity over the earth, and for a home in His kingdom above through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with the Father and the Spirit, be glory forever. Amen.

W. E. Boardman.



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O CHRIST! with each returning morn
Thine image to our heart be borne;
And may we ever clearly see
Our God and Saviour, Lord, in Thee!

2 All hallowed be our walk this day;
May meekness form our early ray,
And faithful love, our noontide light,
And hope, our sunset, calm and bright.

3 May grace each idle thought control,
And sanctify our wayward soul;
May guile depart, and malice cease,
And all within be joy and peace.

4 Our daily course, O Jesus, bless;
Make plain the way of holiness:
From sudder falls our feet defend,
And cheer at last our journey's end.

Ancient.

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LORD, as the evening shades arise,
And chase the twilight from the skies,
Thy wondrous bounty may we find,
And share it with a grateful mind.

2 O, make our weary members blest
With sweet refreshment in their rest;
And in the hours of darkness spread
Thy guardian arms around our head.

3 Upon our knees, as here we bow,
Light of the world, Redeemer, now
Fill all our breasts, lest deadly sin
Should cause a darker night within.

4 If thoughts on Thee our souls employ,
E'en darkness will afford us joy,
Till Thou shalt call, and we shall soar,
And part with darkness evermore.

Unknown.

THOU makest the outgoings of the evening and the morning to rejoice.

2 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

3 Unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

4 Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust.

5 Evening, morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice.

6 His anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

7 They constrained Jesus, saying, Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

8 Stand in awe and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD,

9 Let my prayer be set before thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

10 Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide.

11 Their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD; and to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD; and likewise at even.

12 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

13 Thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

14 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High; to show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

15 Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

16 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they shall be both alike good.

17 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.

18 But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all, yet let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many.

19 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

Prayers.—Lesson CCXLV.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU who dwellest in heaven! whose presence fills the universe, we thank Thee for Thy care over us during the past night, and for all the blessings of the morning; for food and raiment, for health and strength, for comfortable homes, for loving parents and kind friends, for faithful teachers and good books; but especially for that best of books the Holy Bible, which is abundant in precious promises, in just and holy laws, in heavenly truths and principles: may we ever love to read, study and obey its divine instructions, that we may become wise unto salvation, through Jesus, who loves us, and who died to redeem us.

Oh, gracious Saviour! we beseech Thee to prepare us now, in this early hour of the morning, for all the duties of the day; faithfully may we perform them. Grant us moral power to resist temptation: joyfully may we triumph over it. Make us obedient to our teachers, and excite in us, at all times, a deep respect for their authority, that we may daily profit from their instructions, reproofs and admonitions. May we ever cherish a sincere regard for all the rules, statutes and order of our Institution, because law and government are necessary to our well-being.

Oh, Jesus! we beseech Thee to bless all who are near and dear to us; make them the heirs of the grace of life. Bless all Institutions of learning throughout the world, that they may be as fully the nurseries of Christianity, as they are of science, philosophy and literature. Bless the Teachers and Professors of these Institutions, that they may be filled with the spirit of faith and wisdom, of holiness and love, in order that they may be well qualified to train their pupils for great usefulness on earth, and greater glory in heaven.

Gracious Saviour! we entreat Thee to send down Thy great salvation upon all children, youth, and young men who are now prosecuting their studies, that they may be saved from their sins, their errors, their follies, and be wholly consecrated to Thy glorious service. Bless all nations, kingdoms, states, governments, and families of the earth, that Thy kingdom may come, and Thy will be done in them as it is in heaven.

Holy Spirit! we beseech Thee to enlighten, sanctify and guide us evermore; that all our talents, learning and influence may be employed to make this world wiser—purer—heavenly. Then, when our career on earth shall be ended, let us engage in the nobler occupations of a better world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.

MOST MERCIFUL GOD! our Heavenly Father; we thank Thee for the privilege of the evening and the morning worship. We come now to offer our evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings of this day.

Thou art worthy to be loved, to be feared, to be adored by all on earth, as well as all in heaven; not only because Thou art our Creator, but because Thou art the best,—the most glorious being in the universe; great in goodness, good in greatness, ever working wonders of love and mercy among the children of men, and displaying Thy wisdom, power and glory before the armies of heaven. Wherefore, we desire to be numbered with those who find their happiness in loving Thee, and their highest honor in being Thy servants. We confess our transgressions and follies; pardon us, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus, our Lord; purge away our guilt in His atoning blood, and recreate us in His image.

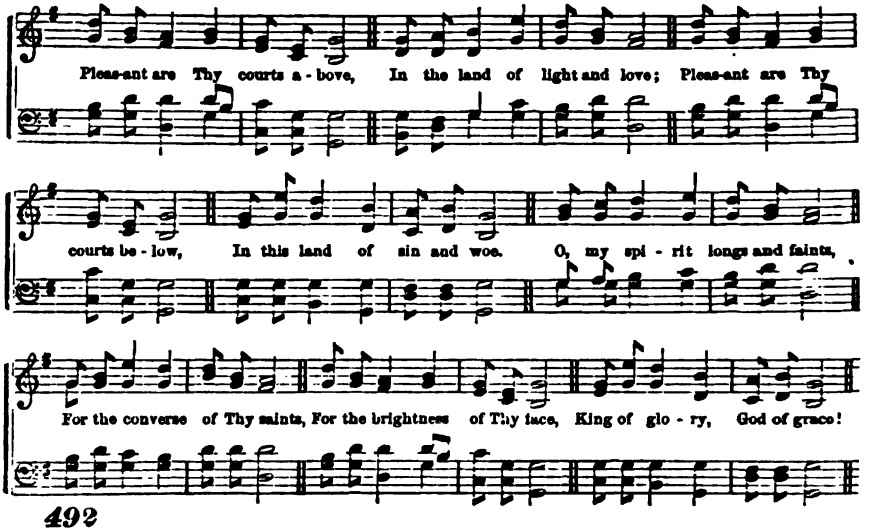
We thank Thee, O Lord, for the advantages, privileges, and facilities we now enjoy for intellectual, moral and religious culture. O, give us wisdom to make a right use of them. Bless our fathers, our mothers, our sisters, our brothers, our friends, and our enemies. Let the school-house and the sanctuary be established in every community among all nations, in order that the principles of science and Christianity may pervade the earth, subjugating every will, purifying every heart, that all men may love, fear and serve Thee,—that every palace, mansion and cottage, may become the house of God, and the gate of heaven.

Bless our beloved country; purge its high places of law, authority and power, of ungodly politicians; and fill them with just, wise, upright men, who will make the laws in righteousness, and execute them in the fear of the Lord; that liberty, justice and equity may be secured to us and coming generations forever.

And when we lay us down to rest this night, may we sweetly sleep beneath the shadow of thy wings. Should any of us die before the morning, receive such to dwell with Thee in heaven. Should we live to see the light of another day, let us awaken with the sweet and holy resolution of loving Thee more and serving Thee better, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Daniel A. Payne.

Heaven the Hope of **RADIANCE. 7s.** *The Child of God.*



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PLEASANT are Thy courts above,
In the land of light and love;
Pleasant are Thy courts below,
In this land of sin and woe.
O, my spirit longs and faints
For the converse of Thy saints,
For the brightness of Thy face,
King of glory, God of grace!

2 Happy birds that sing and fly
Round Thy altars, O Most High!
Happier souls that find a rest,
In their Heavenly Father's breast!
Like the wandering dove that found
No repose on earth around,
They can to their ark repair,
And enjoy it ever there.

3 Happy souls their praises flow,
Ever in this vale of woe;
Waters in the desert rise,
Manna feeds them from the skies;
On they go, from strength to strength,
Till they reach Thy throne at length;
At Thy feet adoring fall,
Who hast led them safe through all.

4 Lord, be mine this prize to win,
Guide me through this world of sin;
Keep me by Thy saving grace,
Give me at Thy side a place;
Sun and Shield alike Thou art,
Guide and guard my erring heart;
Grace and glory flow from Thee,
Send, O send them, Lord, to me.

Lyte.

I HAVE waited for thy salvation, O LORD.
2 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness.

3 They are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

4 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

5 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

6 Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them, also, that love his appearing.

7 Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then, face to face: now, I know in part; but then shall I know, even as also I am known.

8 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

9 As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

10 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

11 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

12 Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

13 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

14 If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them, also, that sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him.

15 Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

16 Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXLVI.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, we bless Thee "that Thou didst so love the world as to give Thy beloved Son to die." We bless Thee that He hath brought life and immortality to light; hath passed into the heavens to prepare mansions of eternal rest for those who love Him.

We thank Thee that amid the cares, anxieties, and trials of this world, those who have been washed in the blood of Jesus, may by faith look forward to a rest of eternal joy at Thy right hand. "Though eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for those who love Him."

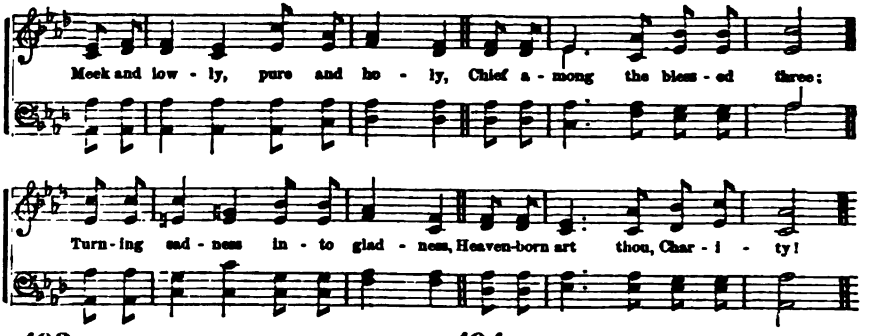
Yet, Thou hast, in Thy holy Word, given us some faint glimpses of the Golden City, and its myriads of happy spirits who worship and praise Thee with perfect and uninterrupted delight.

We thank Thee, O our heavenly Father, that having this hope of heaven to sustain us even here, we may go cheerfully forward in the path of duty, "looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despised the shame, and is forever set down on His heavenly throne."

O Lord, sanctify our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, raise our affections above the world. May the things that are seen and temporal, never be permitted to blind our eyes, so that we cannot by faith behold the things which are not seen and eternal. Help us to live so near to Thee, that we shall have no doubt of ever reaching the mansions of the blest, so that we may walk by faith, "having our conversation in heaven, whence we look for the blessed Saviour, who, at His coming, shall change our vile bodies, making them like unto His own glorious body."

Grant that when called to leave this earthly habitation, we may with joy look forward to a building "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens;" and having this hope in us, may we purify ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Grant us true repentance for all our sins, and help us ever to live in view of death, judgment and eternity. And at last, washed and purified in the blood of Jesus, may we, when our work on earth is done, pass through the gates into the city to unite in the everlasting song of the redeemed around Thy throne: all of which we ask in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, and our Saviour. Amen.

W. E. Dodge.



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MEEK and lowly, pure and holy,
Chief among the blessèd three,
Turning sadness into gladness,
Heaven-born art thou, Charity!

2 Pity dwelleth in thy bosom,
Kindness reigneth o'er thy heart;
Gentle thoughts alone can sway thee,—
Judgment hath in thee no part.

3 Hoping ever, failing never,
Though deceived, believing still;
Long abiding, all confiding
To thy heavenly Father's will.

4 Never weary of well-doing,
Never fearful of the end;
Claiming all mankind as brothers,
Thou dost all alike befriend.

Unknown.

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OH! that we our hearts might sever,
From earth's tempting vanities,
Fixing them on Him forever
In whom all our fulness lies.

2 Oh! that we might Him discover
Whom with longing eyes we've sought,
Join ourselves to Him forever,
For without Him all is naught.

3 Oh! that ne'er our hearts might wander
From our God, so might we cease
Ever o'er our sins to ponder,
And our conscience be at peace.

4 Thou abyss of love and goodness,
Draw us by Thy cross to Thee;
Then our senses, soul, and spirit,
Ever one with Christ may be.

Lyra Germanica.

FOLLOW after charity, and desire spiritual gifts.

2 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

3 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

4 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

5 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

6 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

7 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

8 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

9 Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

10 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

11 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

12 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

13 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

14 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

15 This is my commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you.

16 Let all your things be done with charity.

17 By love serve one another, for all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

18 Above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

19 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.

20 Above all things, have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXLVII.

WE bless Thee, O God, our Father, for all Thy gifts to us; but this day we thank Thee most of all for the love that prompts them. We thank Thee that Thou hast taught us how to love. Thou alone art love. Thou art known by love. They best know Thee who most love Thee. If we dwell in love, we dwell in Thee, and Thou in us; for Thou art love. Make us to know more and more of Thyself, O God, by this sweet way of love. Bind us thus, we pray Thee, to Thy service.

Draw us thus, we pray Thee, to Thy heart. Change us thus, we pray Thee, to Thy likeness. Keep us so near the cross, that we may never be away from the power of Thy love.

By Thy gracious Spirit, teach us, O Lord, to "walk in love." Help us to be "without blame before Thee in love." Deepen and confirm our hearts' affection for Thee, so that each of us may always say with Peter, "Lord, Thou knowest all things: Thou knowest that I love Thee."

And loving Thee, may we love one another. As Thou hast loved us, may we love one another; and thus keep Thy "new commandment." O blessed Saviour, give us Thy Spirit. We open our hearts to Thee. Possess them, govern them, make them all Thine own. Come in, we do beseech Thee and dwell with us. Make us meek, and gentle, and patient like Thyself.

By Thy sweet grace subdue all enmity, and pride and envy; so that in our hearts there may be the charity "that suffereth long and is kind," "that seeketh not her own," and "thinketh no evil," that "beareth," and "believeth," and "hopeth," and endureth."

O God, our Father, lead us to feel that, if we have all other gifts, and have not charity, we are nothing. Taught of Thee, may we "by love serve one another," and love the service, for Thy sake. If we are tempted to return evil for evil, do Thou restrain us.

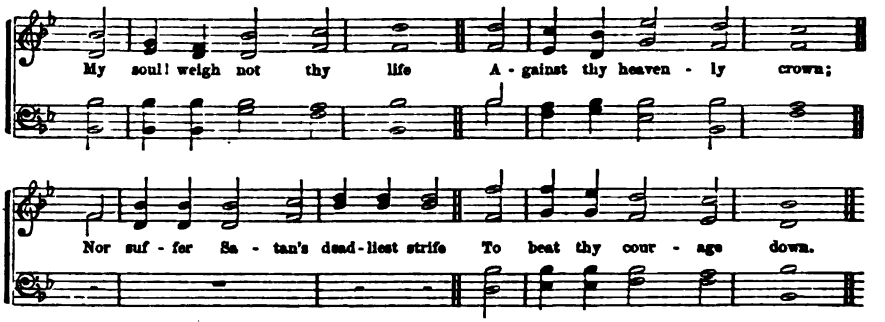
Help us to love, and bless, and pray for those who would wrong us. Help us to forgive as we ask to be forgiven. As we would that others should do to us, may we do also to them. Forbid that we should ever be overcome of evil; but may we overcome evil with good.

Thus shall we grow like Thee, loving as Thou lovest. We pray and long for Thee, dear Saviour. It is not in our hearts, by nature, to love with such love as this. But by Thy grace we know that we can do all things.

O love us, Lord, that we may love. Draw us and we will run after Thee. May we be won and held to Thy service as angels are, by bands of love. May each day find us more and more under Thy love's supremacy, until every thought is brought into captivity. For Thy name's sake, O Lord, we ask it. Amen.

Herrick Johnson.

Watchfulness **LISBON. S. M.** *Enjoined.*



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MY soul! weigh not thy life
Against thy heavenly crown,
Nor suffer Satan's deadliest strife
To beat thy courage down.

2 With prayer and crying strong,
Hold on the fearful fight;
And let the breaking day prolong
The wrestling of the night.

3 The battle soon will yield,
If thou thy part fulfil;
For, strong as is the hostile shield,
Thy sword is stronger still.

4 Thine armor is divine—
Thy feet with victory shod;
And on thy head shall quickly shine
The diadem of God.

Unknown.

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YE servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait;
With joy obey His heavenly word,
And watch before His gate.

2 Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in His sight,
For awful is His name.

3 Watch! 'tis your Lord's command:
And while we speak, He's near;
Mark every signal of His hand,
And ready all appear.

4 O, happy servant, he,
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honor crowned.

Doddridge.

KEEP thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

2 Stand in awe and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

3 I said, I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

4 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

5 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth: keep the door of my lips.

6 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

7 See, then, that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise; redeeming the time because the days are evil.

8 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

9 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

10 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

11 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night.

12 Let us, therefore, fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

13 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

14 Ye, therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware, lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

15 The end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

16 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

17 But exhort one another daily, while it is called to-day, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

18 Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

19 Watch, therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

DOXOLOGY.

To God, the Father, Son,
And Spirit, glory be,
As was, and is, and shall remain
Through all eternity!

Prayer.—Lesson CCXLVIII.

OUR FATHER, and our God, we praise Thee for the redemption which Thou hast given us in Christ. We thank Thee that He took upon Him our nature, and was tempted in all points like as we are, that He might be able to save, and sympathize with all that come to God by Him. We pray for grace that we may appreciate His sympathy; that we may love Him, who hath so loved us; and live for Him, who died for us. Enable us to depend entirely upon Him for wisdom and strength to know and do His will. Help us to watch and pray, that we enter not into temptation.

Suffer not the sin which still remaineth against our will within us, to usurp dominion over us, but aid our endeavors to overcome it, that we may be holy as Thou art holy.

Grant us also the continual help of Thy Holy Spirit, that our hearts may be so fully occupied with heavenly things, that the allurements of the world may have no power over us. Suffer us not to be overcome of evil, but strengthen us to overcome evil with good.

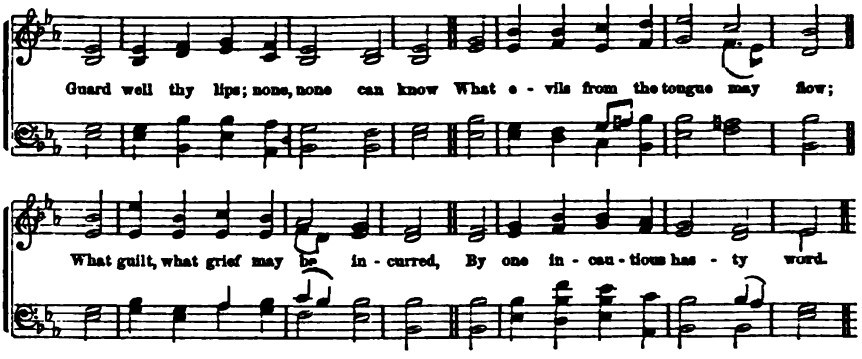
Give us wisdom and might, to resist the wiles of the devil. If the Lord be on our side, we will not fear what man or devil can do against us.

Thou hast covenanted to save us. Have respect unto the covenant, Thou God of the covenant, and save Thy people from their spiritual enemies.

The world grows old in sin, while Thy church awaits the coming of her Lord. Help us to be ready at Thy coming, that we may see Thee as Thou art. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge. We, therefore, pray Thee, Help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting. Thou hast said, Surely I come quickly. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Jno. Bodine Thompson.



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GUARD well thy lips; none, none can know
What evils from the tongue may flow;
What guilt, what grief may be incurred,
By one incautious, hasty word.

2 "Condemn not, judge not;" not to man
Is given his brother's faults to scan;
One task is thine, and one alone,
To search out and subdue thine own.

3 Indulge no murmurings; O restrain
Those lips so ready to complain;
And if they can be numbered, count
Of one day's mercies the amount.

4 Set God before thee; every word
Thy lips pronounce, by Him is heard;
O could'st thou realize this thought,
What care, what caution would be taught!

5 "The time is short;" this day may be
The very last assigned to thee:
So speak that should'st thou ne'er speak more,
Thou may'st not this day's words deplore.

Miss Elliott.

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A BROKEN heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring;
The God of grace will ne'er despise
A broken heart for sacrifice.

2 My soul lies humbled in the dust,
And owns Thy dreadful sentence just;
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,
And save the soul condemned to die.

2 Then will I teach the world Thy ways;
Sinners shall learn Thy sovereign grace:
I'll lead them to my Saviour's blood,
And they shall praise a pardoning God.

4 Oh, may Thy love inspire my tongue!
Salvation shall be all my song;
And all my powers shall join to bless
The Lord, my Strength and Righteousness.

Watts.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures, here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

MY lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbor: with flattering lips, and with a double heart do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things; who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own; who is lord over us?

4 Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile.

5 I said, I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me.

6 The king shall rejoice in God: every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

7 My tongue, also, shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought to shame that seek my hurt.

8 It went ill with Moses for their sakes: because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

9 I hate and abhor lying; but thy law do I love.

10 Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

11 I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

12 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

13 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

14 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

15 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

16 If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man.

Prayer.—Lesson CCXLIX.

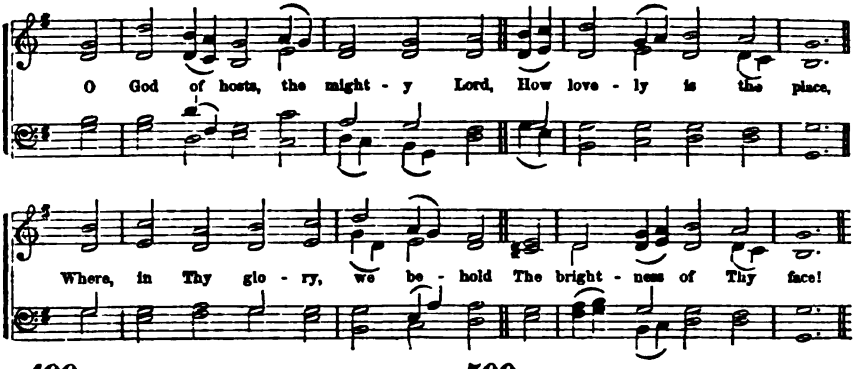
O THOU, who art our Creator, our Preserver, and our constant Benefactor, wilt Thou graciously condescend to watch over and preserve us this day, and give to us that wisdom, grace and godly fear, which we ever need to enable us to choose, and to use only such words as are comely and pleasing to Thee: that our hearts may be purified, so that out of their abundance, we may always speak the words of truth and soberness; that we may ever have a lively sense of Thy presence; of Thy ever-open ear; of Thy holy and pure character; of Thy perfect knowledge of all our word, thoughts and actions.

In all our duties and relations, may we be enabled by Thee this day, to keep our tongues from evil, and our lips from speaking guile.

May we constantly bear in mind the solemn declaration of Thy Holy Word, that for every idle or wicked word, which we shall speak, we must give account thereof in the day of judgment.

May all our words be so seasoned by Thy grace, that they shall ever please Thee, and be the out-gushings of pure hearts, which shall render us acceptable to Thee, through the merits of Thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

Z. Richards.



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O GOD of hosts, the mighty Lord,
How lovely is the place,
Where, in Thy glory, we behold
The brightness of Thy face!

2 My longing soul faints with desire
To view Thy blest abode;
My panting heart and flesh cry out
For Thee, the living God.

3 For God, who is our Sun and Shield,
Will grace and glory give;
And no good thing will He withhold
From them that justly live.

4 O Lord of hosts, my King, my God!
How highly blest are they,
Who in Thy temple always dwell,
And there Thy praise display!

Tate—Brady.

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ONE thing I of the Lord desired,
And will seek to obtain,
That all days of my life I may
Within God's house remain.

2 That I the beauty of the Lord
Behold, may, and admire;
And that I in His holy place
May rev'rently inquire.

3 That I, with voice of thanksgiving,
May publish and declare,
And tell of all Thy mighty works,
That great and wondrous are.

4 Lord, I into Thy house will come,
In Thine abundant grace;
And I will worship in Thy fear
Within Thy holy place.

Scotch Version.

GIVE unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

2 The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

3 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.

5 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in tents of wickedness.

6 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

7 Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

8 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

9 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.

10 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools.

11 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

12 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place, and I knew it not.

13 We will go into his tabernacles; we will worship at his footstool.

14 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

15 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

16 Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

17 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the LORD.

18 These things write I unto thee, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God; the pillar and ground of the truth.

Prayer.—Lesson CCL.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, with reverence and godly fear we draw near Thy throne of grace, regarding Thee as the Author of our being, and Fountain of all blessings.

Thy word reveals Thee to us as the "I AM," the self-existent, independent Jehovah, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all grace.

Thy word also makes known to us Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, by whom the worlds were created, who, upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; exalted a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and the forgiveness of sin. We, deploring our greatly aggravated daily transgressions, and the bitter fountain of original sin, come to Thee through Him who is the way—the new and living way, and our Advocate with Thee our Heavenly Father.

As we know not for *what*, or *how* to pray aright, and Thou, merciful Father, hast promised to give Thy Holy Spirit to them that ask Thee, we beseech Thee in the name of Jesus, in whom Thou hearest Thy people always, grant Thy Holy Spirit to guide us, making intercession for us according to the will of God.

May He come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth.

Under His plentiful effusion, may many spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses, early dedicating themselves to the Lord. May many revive as the corn and grow as the vine: then shall we be a happy people, whose God is the Lord.

Thy tabernacle, O God, is with men, and Thou wilt dwell with them, and be their God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.

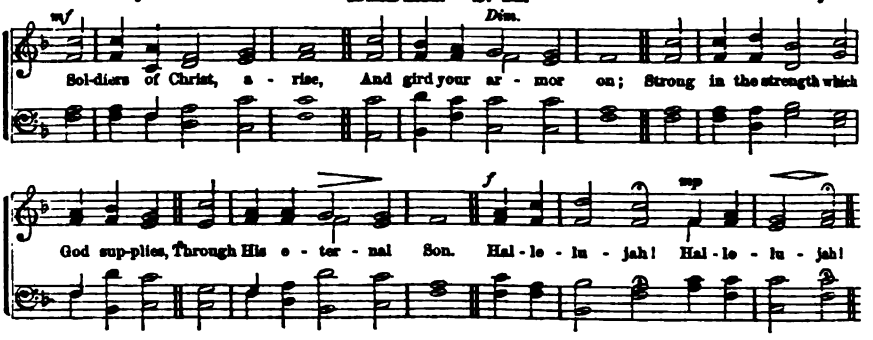
May this be our chief desire, to dwell always in the house of the Lord, to behold His beauty, and be instructed in His temple.

Thou, Lord, hast chosen Zion, and said, Here will I dwell, for I have desired it. *There* is enjoyed the communion of saints, and fellowship with the Father and the Son, through the efficiency of the Holy Spirit.

In Thy sanctuary, Thou wilt be a sun and a shield, Thou wilt give grace and glory; Thou wilt withhold no good thing.

Be pleased, Lord, to bless abundantly, and render pure the fountains of instruction. Bless parents in their efforts to train their children in the fear of the Lord. Give grace to those who preside over *schools*, *colleges*, and *seminaries* for the education of youth. And in all things may the Lord direct our hearts into the love of God and patient waiting for Jesus Christ. Amen.

Samuel Wylie.



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SOLDIERS of Christ, arise,
And gird your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son.

2 Stand, then, in His great might,
With all His strength endued,
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God:—

3 That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
You may o'ercome through Christ alone,
And stand complete at last.

4 From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.

C. Wesley.

DOXOLOGY.

The Father and the Son
And Spirit we adore:
We praise, we bless, we worship Thee,
Both now and evermore!

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NO wider is the gate,
No broader is the way,
No smoother is the ancient path,
That leads to life and day.

2 No sweeter is the cup,
Nor less our lot of ill:
'Twas tribulation ages since,
'Tis tribulation still.

3 No slacker grows the fight,
No feebler is the foe,
Nor less the need of armor tried,
Of shield, and spear, and bow.

4 Thus onward still we press,
Through evil and through good,—
Through pain, and poverty, and want,
Through peril and through blood.

5 Still faithful to our God,
And to our Captain true,
We follow where He leads the way,
The kingdom in our view.

Bonner.

THIS charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare.

2 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

3 Thou, therefore, endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

5 Although we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.

6 The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds:

7 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

8 Let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, and against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness:

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

16 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Prayer.—Lesson CCLI.

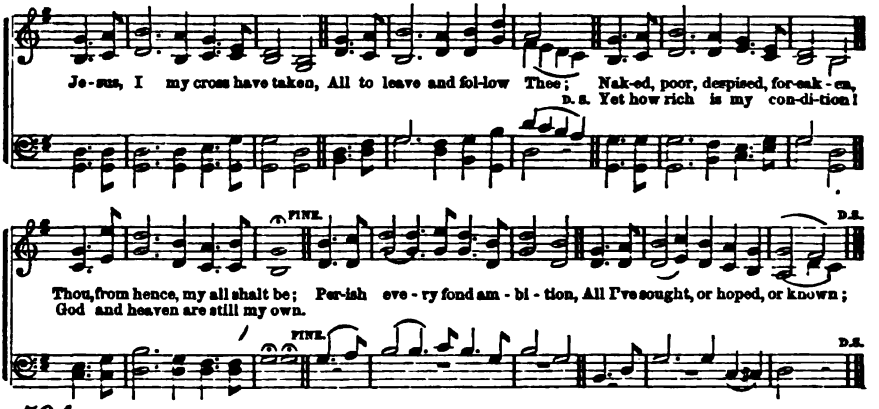
OUR Father, who art in Heaven, we the needy and dependent creatures of Thy power, would reverently bow in Thy presence, to seek Thy face and Thy favor. Though unworthy of the least of Thy mercies, we come to ask the greatest, even the free pardon of our many and great sins, Thy grace to enlighten our minds, to sanctify our hearts, and to conform us to Thy will, that so we may be fitted to serve Thee on earth and to enjoy Thee forever in heaven. These are great favors, and they are asked, not because we are worthy of them, but because we stand in the greatest need of them, and because in the bestowment of them, Thou canst glorify the riches of Thy grace, while we are set up as the monuments of Thy rich mercy in Christ the Saviour.

It is in His beloved name that we approach Thy throne of grace, and offer our prayer unto Thee, our Father and our God. And the burden of our petition is, that needy, helpless, guilty, and lost in ourselves, we may be taken under Thy protection, care, and guidance: may be guarded against the temptations and evils to which we are continually exposed in this world of sin, and that, by the aids of Thy Holy Spirit, we may be led into and kept in the path of duty, of peace, and salvation. Sensible of our own weakness and liability to be drawn into the ways of sin and death, we humbly ask that from day to day we may be kept near to Thee, seeking in all things to do what is right and pleasing in Thy sight, and promotive of our own spiritual and immortal well-being. Enable us always to keep in view the great end of living,—the glory of Thy name, and preparation for the life which is to come; and may all our habits, all our plans and pursuits in life, be such as we shall be able to review with satisfaction in the dying hour, and as will tend to fit us for an eternal residence in Thy kingdom of glory. May Christ Jesus be to us all and in all, and trusting in Him as our Saviour, may we also obey Him as our Master, cheerfully take up the cross whenever called to do so, and follow Him in all the ways He shall mark out for us, faithful unto death.

May we ever remember that we have but one life to live, and that consequences of eternal moment are pending on the manner in which we pass the lifetime allotted to us on earth. Knowing that the Christian life is a warfare, may we heed the exhortations and warnings of Thy word, to be watchful and prayerful; to take to ourselves the whole armor of God; to fight the good fight of faith, and be steadfast unto the end, and so come off conquerors, and more than conquerors, through Him that loved us.

O Father, never leave us, never forsake us in the trying and perilous journey of life; and suffer us never to leave nor forsake Thee: but ever keep us near to Thyself, walking in the light of Thy countenance, and rejoicing in the hope of Thy glory. Grant this our prayer, O Thou Father of mercies, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, and Thine be all the praise forever and ever. Amen.

J. Hawes.



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JESUS, I my cross have taken,
All to leave, and follow Thee,
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou, from hence, my all shalt be:
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.

2 Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Saviour, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue:
And while Thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate, and friends may scorn me:
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

3 Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
O, 'tis not in grief to harm me,
While Thy love is left to me:
O! 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Miss Grant.

ELIJAH came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.

2 The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

3 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

4 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; fear before him all the earth.

5 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

6 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

7 Among the chief rulers, also, many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of man more than the praise of God.

8 If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

9 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

10 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.

So run that ye may obtain.

12 Jesus said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

13 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

14 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee, but let me first go bid them farewell which are at home at my house.

15 Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

16 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

17 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, now, in the presence of all his people.

19 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

20 I will pay my vows unto the LORD, now, in the presence of all his people.

21 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise the God of all creation:
Praise the Father's boundless love;
Praise the Lamb, our Expiation,
Priest and King enthroned above;
Praise the Fountain of salvation.
Him by whom our spirits live;
Undivided adoration
To the one Jehovah give.

Prayer.—Lesson CCLII.

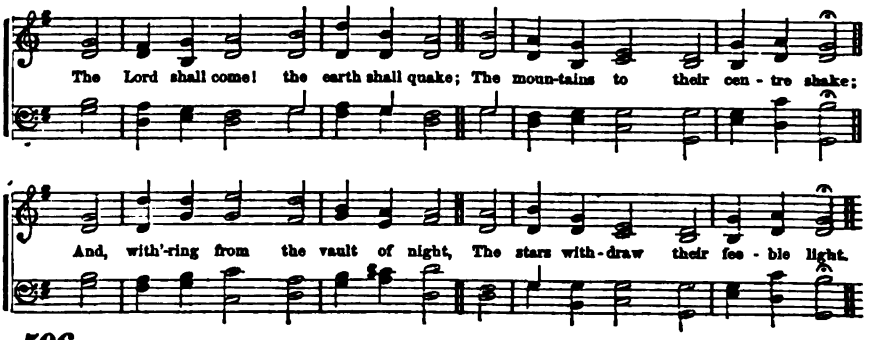
GREAT and glorious God! We bow before Thee in humble adoration. Thou art worthy to receive glory, and honor, and power,—for Thou hast created all things, and rulest in love over all which Thou hast created. Thou art worthy of obedience, for Thou commandest only that which is holy, just and good. Thou art worthy to be confessed openly before men, for Thou hast not been ashamed of us in our uncleanness and folly, nor wilt Thou be ashamed of us, if we are true to Thee, when Thou comest in the glory of Thy Father, with the holy angels.

Thou art worthy of our service, for Thy cause is the cause of universal benevolence. To that cause Thou hast given Thy Son. In that cause the Holy Spirit is striving. For that cause the inspired revelation of Thy truth has been given. Thou dost only require that we be laborers together with Thee. Thy command is, "Follow me."

Lord, we obey! We forsake all, to follow Thee. Whatever sacrifice or self-denial, whatever toil or suffering, it may require, still we will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest. O, grant that the same mind may be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Grant, that having put our hand to the plough, we may not look back. Aid us to-day, that in all our studies and all our recreations, in all our communion with Thee, and in all our intercourse with our fellow men, we may keep these vows of consecration. O God, be near us in the hour of trial. Suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able. Strengthen us for every toil. Defend us from every enemy. Make us patient under reproach. May we forgive as we hope to be forgiven. And, at last, being found faithful in a few things, may we be permitted, through Thy infinite grace in Christ Jesus, to enter upon the joy, as we have entered into the work of our Lord; and the praise of our salvation shall be unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. To Him be glory and dominion forever Amen.

John P. Gulliver.



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THE Lord shall come! the earth shall quake,
The mountains to their centre shake;
And, withering from the vault of night,
The stars withdraw their feeble light.

2 The Lord shall come! but not the same
As once in lowly form He came,—
A silent Lamb before His foes,
A weary man, and full of woes.

3 The Lord shall come! a dreadful form,
With wreath of flame, and robe of storm,
On cherub wings, and wings of wind,
Anointed Judge of human kind!

4 Can this be He, who wont to stray
A pilgrim on the world's highway,
By power oppressed, and mocked by pride,—
The Nazarene, the Crucified?

5 While sinners in despair shall call,
"Rocks, hide us! mountains, on us fall!"
The saints, ascending from the tomb,
Shall sing for joy, "The Lord is come!"

Heber.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

WATCH, therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

2 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh.

3 Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing.

4 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

5 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

6 Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching.

7 I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

8 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

10 The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

11 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time, without sin unto salvation.

13 Cast not away, therefore, your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For yet a little while, and he that shall come, will come and will not tarry.

14 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

15 And now, little children, abide in him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him, at his coming.

16 The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away, with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also, and the works that are therein, shall be burned up.

17 Seeing, then, that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation, and godliness, looking for, and hasting unto the coming of the day of God.

18 We know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

19 And every man that hath this hope, purifieth himself even as he is pure.

20 He which testifieth these things, saith, Surely I come quickly: Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Forever with the Lord!
Amen! so let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality.

Prayer.—Lesson CCLIII.

LORD JESUS, Thou who didst come into the world to be our Saviour, and shalt come again to be our Judge, impress it upon our hearts, that, as Thou didst come the first time, a child in poverty, temptation and suffering, so Thou shalt surely come again in the glory of Thy Father, and of the holy angels.

Let not that day overtake us, as a thief in the night; and, as we know not the day, nor the hour, in which Thou shalt come, may we be always prepared; and whether it be the day of our death, or Thy visible re-appearing in the clouds of heaven, may we not be terrified, but be ready to meet Thee, our loins girded about, and our lights burning, and we watching, like servants awake and waiting for their Lord's return. Give us fidelity in our several callings, and feeling that the Judge is at the door, may we always do those things that please Thee. Let not our hearts be fixed upon the pleasures of this life, but upon those pleasures which are at the right hand of God.

Let us not be turned aside by the temptations of the world; but let us run with patience the race that is set before us, and so run as to obtain. Enable us to bear, without murmuring, all the evils Thou mayest send upon us, knowing it is but for a season. Let the thought of Thy nearness to us hallow our recreation and our work; let our speech be always seasoned with grace, and the law of kindness dwell upon our tongue. Make us forgiving, as we hope to be forgiven. Give us respect for the old, and kindness for the young, and sympathy for the sad. And whenever Thou shalt come, however soon or suddenly, make us glad to meet Thee; take from death its sting; and, as Thou didst die for us, may we escape the curse of death, and have Thy presence with us.

O Lord, make us like Thee, and give unto us Thy Holy Spirit, that when we arise out of death, we may be satisfied in Thy likeness, and be forever with Thee and Thy saints in heaven.

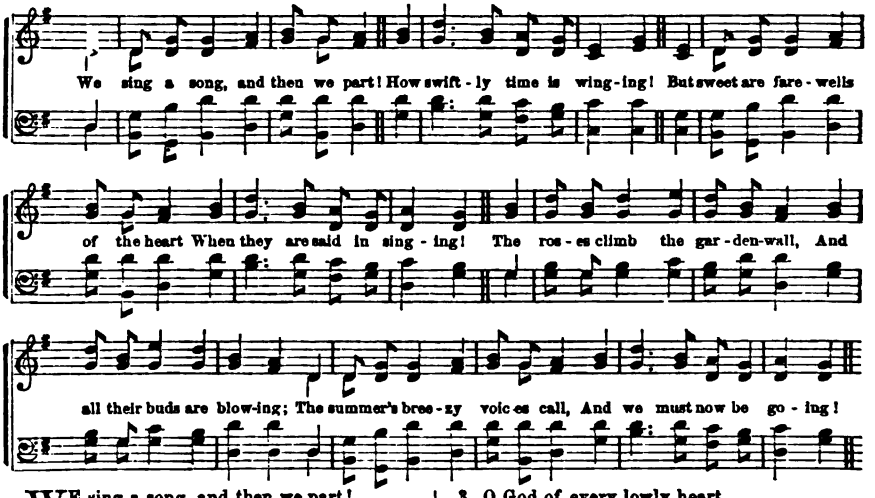
And unto the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and praise, both now and ever. Amen.

Wm. Ives Buddington.

VACATION HYMN.

(FOR THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER.)

"SHINING SHORE."



WE sing a song, and then we part!
How swiftly time is winging!
But sweet are farewells of the heart,
When they are said in singing!
The roses climb the garden-wall,
And all their buds are blowing;
The summer's breezy voices call,
And we must now be going!

2 The oriole trembles on her nest,
Which every wind is swaying;
And every robin shows his breast
While we are here delaying;
The bees have set their pipes in tune
On every head of clover;
And we must haste to hear them soon,
Or summer will be over.

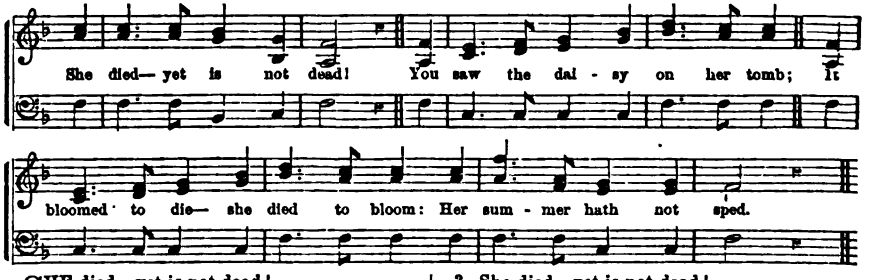
3 O God of every lowly heart
And every lofty feeling,
Be Thou adored for what Thou art
In Nature's own revealing!
Wherever summer's grass is green
Or winter's snow is hoary,
The hidings of Thy face are seen—
We know Thee by Thy glory!

4 If we who sing a parting song
Have mortal meeting never,
There is a journey short or long
Where summer lasts forever!
All hail, O fairest Land of lands,
Whose blossoms never wither!
Though now we sever here our hands,
Our feet shall travel thither!

Theodore Tilton.

[THE DEATH OF A CHRISTIAN MAIDEN.]

SHE DIED—YET IS NOT DEAD.



SHE died—yet is not dead!
You saw the daisy on her tomb:
It bloomed to die—she died to bloom;
Her summer hath not sped.

2 She died—yet is not dead!
You saw her jewels all unset;
But God let fall a coronet
To crown her ransomed head!

3 She died—yet is not dead!
You saw her gazing at a sky
Whose lights are shut from mortal eye—
She lingered, yearned, and fled.

4 She died—yet is not dead!
Through pearly gate, o golden street,
She went her way with shining feet:—
Go ye, and thither tread!

Theodore Tilton.

Prayer.—Opening of School after Vacation.

AGAIN we are convoked, O, our Father, in this place, consecrated by the experiences and joys of years. It has been to us the gate of heaven. We have learned here how to be strong, and vigilant, and cheerful. The art of victory we have learned here. Here we have gained strength to go forth and acquit ourselves like men in the various avocations of life.

We thank Thee for this place. We thank Thee for its memories. Yet more we thank Thee that from the memory sprouts so many hopes. For Thou wilt do exceeding abundantly more than we ask or think, as Thou hast always done. And we that are here assembled this morning, thank Thee that so many of us are spared and permitted to gather together again. How kind hast Thou been in Thy providence! Thy smitings have been tempered with mercy. Thy very judgments have been mingled with goodness. Thou hast given prosperity to many. Thou hast continued to many life and health. Thou hast kept family circles unbroken. Thou hast graciously restored those that were sick.

There are many that to-day bring burdened hearts to Thee. There are many that have come into Thy presence thinking and feeling how great is the goodness of God to them. And we desire, O Lord, to render Thee thanksgiving and praise, for that unbounded love which we neither comprehend nor can reach; which outruns all possible thought; whose experience fills and overflows every channel of our lives. We are quite ashamed when we think that on Thy side is goodness, that pours forth like the sun's light, and floods our life; while on our side is doubt, and hesitancy, and unbelief, and selfishness, and pride, and unrequiting. Thou art all glorious. We are poor and sinful, and deformed by sin. And as Thou hast been forbearing and patient with us in times past, still be pleased to bear with us in that long-suffering of love which hath been our solace and our life. Forgive, we beseech Thee, our past transgressions. Make us more and more to hate the things that are unlovely and sinful. Grant that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Consecrate us to Thy service with new consecration. May we endeavor to live a more Christian life. Help us to combat temptation, to resist evil, and to make attainment in things true, and noble, and holy.

We pray that Thou wilt bless the labors of all that are engaged in teaching the young. May those that are assembled in Schools, be under the watch and care of the great Shepherd. And out of these nurseries may there come forth into the church those that shall be educated in the divine lore.

We beseech Thee to bless all the families that are represented here. Convey to every household Thy heavenly grace.

Comfort, we pray Thee, those that mourn. Cheer any that are despondent. Lighten the burdens of any that are weary, and seem ready to perish. Accept the thankfulness of those that are conscious of God's great goodness to them. Console those that are bereaved. Inspire those that give way to despair. Lift the light of Thy countenance upon us all, and bring daylight to our souls.

Bless all Thy churches; and grant that every effort made to promote better morals and a purer and more correct life may be wisely put forth and divinely guided.

Look with mercy upon our whole land. Arise and be the Pilot of our ship amidst storm or calm. May we have confidence that He that hath guided us thus far, will surely guide us in the time to come. Though we trust not men, nor the elements of the universe, Thee we trust, Thou Supernal Guide. To Thee, God of our fathers, and our God, that through ages past piloted the world, that knowest revolution and war, and that hast advanced through darkness and barbarism to light and civilization, and led Thy people like a flock,—to Thee it is not a great thing to lead this nation,—and to Thee we dedicate it. And in its behalf we implore Thy presence and thine overruling providence.

Turn the hearts of men that are alienated, to each other again. Efface the seams and scars that war hath made. And as Thou hast brought good out of evil in the past, so out of the trouble of years, bring forth that final good that shall excite wonder and amazement and gratitude among men, at Thy wisdom.

Hear us in these our petitions, and answer us, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Henry Ward Beecher.

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